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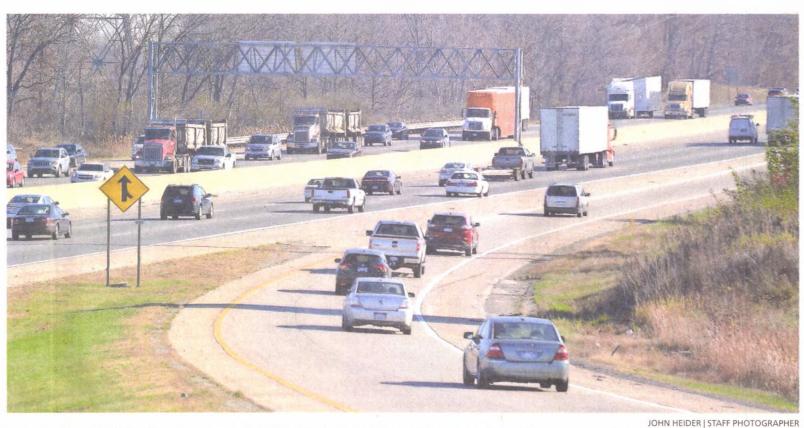
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Anyone interested can apply online for one of the positions at the Road Commission's website, www.rcocweb.org.





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Interstate 96 near Novi's Beck Road intersection. Officials said using the existing shoulders on the Oakland County stretch of road could ease traffic congestion.

Full-speed ahead

Solutions proposed for Interstate 96 congestion

James Mitchell Correspondent

Commuters are well aware that drive times on Interstate 96 rank among the worst in southeast Michigan. While there are no plans to widen the freeway, Carmine Palombo, deputy executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, said a new proposal could make the existing lanes more efficient.

"There isn't enough money to widen every road, but there's a wide inside shoulder along most of that corridor," Palombo said of the stretch running through Novi, Wixom and Lyon Township. "For a relatively minimal cost, we can add a lane to what's



SEMCOG's long-term plan for road congestion on the interstate involves creating a fourth lane during peak drive times.

ston County border to the Interstate-275/Interstate-696 interchange - are among several initiatives that will be presented early next month. SEMCOG will welcome public comments on proposed amendments to the

current 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program and the far-reaching 2040 Regional Transportation Plan

to I-96, an MDOT-managed project that Palombo said would make use of monitored signage to open an additional lane when needed. A series of interactive signs would direct commuters to use the inside shoulder as a drive lane during morning and afternoon commutes.

"This is a concept being used in a number of states," Palombo said. A similar system has been proposed for U.S. 23 between Washtenaw and Livingston counties. Preliminary engineering studies would begin in fiscal year 2017 if the proposed amendments are approved. The project has a target completion date of 2019.

Funding is key

Scheduling for the projects relies, in part, on road-funding legislation approved earlier this month by the state Legi

there now."

Plans to improve commuter flow on I-96 - from the Living-

Among the initiatives would be implementation of an Active Traffic Management approach

Palombo said that once Gov.

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Accidents along 10 Mile Road prompt more talk about signals

Diane Gale Andreassi Staff Writer

After two accidents on 10 Mile Road during one afternoon last week, Jeffrey Crawford said he is worried that nothing will be done to improve traffic on the roadway before lives are lost and people are maimed.

As more and more people and businesses come to the area, the South Lyon resident said "it is quite clear ... we need operating traffic lights at these intersections."

Years ago, he and his wife worked to get a signal at Martindale and Lake Street by filming multiple accidents at the intersection and inundating public officials until the light was installed. It was a lot of work, he said, but it got the job done

Now, he's willing to do whatever it takes to get a fully operating signal at 10 Mile and Napier

Before the accidents, Lyon **Township Trustee John Hicks** predicted there would be more crashes and recently made a plea to the Road Commission of Oakland County to do something now at the intersection,



Lyon Township Trustee John Hicks referred to the 10 Mile and Napier intersection as having a parade of cars. Residents in both Novi and Lyon Township have clamored for improvements there.

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Resident collecting signatures for light on online petition, A2

writing that it isn't prudent to wait three years before a full traffic light is installed at Napier Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile during the proposed 2017-18 road improvement proiect

Motorists will have to wait until the project is underway, **RCOC spokesman Craig Bryson** RCOC said, because it can't be

installed "without first making numerous other improvements to the road and intersection."

Lyon, Novi and the road commission will pay \$3.6 million to \$4 million to pave Napier between Nine Mile and 10 Mile, construct a hill cut on 10 Mile west of Napier, improve sight distance issues and widen the 10 Mile and Napier intersection to include center left-turn lanes.

Eighty percent of the cost will be covered by federal funds. RCOC, Lyon Township

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Electronic waste collection Saturday

Philip Allmen Staff Write

Got some old, unwanted electronics laying around?

Novi residents can get rid of them this weekend

The Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County will help residents properly recycle electronic waste one last time this year.

Just take whatever old electronics you have over to the city's Power Park, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The electronic waste collection day is the last of several this year in the city and is sponsored by RRRASOC in partnership with Vintage Tech Recyclers (www.vintagetech recyclers.com). The recycling is free.

Why recycle electronics? Easy questions, said Tracy Pur-

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LOCAL NEWS

Locals support Novi man's 10 Mile Road petition

Diane Gale Andreassi Staff Writer

A petition calling for immediate changes at 10 Mile and Napier roads in Lyon attracted 2,484 online signatures in its first four days.

Jeff Mayer, a Novi resident, posted the petition "Demand safety for 10 Mile Road and Napier Road Intersection" on moveon.org Nov. 4 and, by Monday, he nearly met his 3,000-signature goal. The intersection is at the Lyon Township-Novi municipal bound-

ary. "As the development on 10 Mile Road through Novi and Lyon Township accelerates the frequency and severity of vehicular accidents is on the rise," the petition reads. "How many more of our friends, family and

neighbors do we want to put in harms (sic) way? This is a dangerous intersection that needs a remedy now!"

The Road Commission for Oakland County has plans to install a traffic light at the intersection in 2017 as part of other improvements to the area

Mayer received an email from the RCOC indicating a traffic signal will be included with the proposed 2017 construction project to pave Napier Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile, widen the intersection at 10 Mile and Napier to provide the required center lane for left turns and to cut the hill west of the intersection to provide the required stopping sight distance.

A traffic signal warrant study for the 10 Mile and Johns roads intersection was completed by the property owner on the south side of 10 Mile, the RCOC email also stated

Based on the study, RCOC indicated to the developer that a traffic signal installation could proceed, provided the developer funded the installation and agreed to participate in the future maintenance costs of the signal, the email stated. This is required because the signal is warranted based on the traffic generated by the development. The developer has not been in contact with RCOC to proceed with the installation.

The posted 50 mph speed limit on 10 Mile is appropriate based on the 85th percentile speed of traffic that is used in establishing absolute speed limits, an RCOC representative wrote in the email. Arbitrarily posting a lower speed limit than the current 50 mph will not change the speed motorists travel.

Mayer said he was surprised by the response his petition got "in such a short time" after he posted it on his Facebook page and "it kind of went viral."

The problem is going

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and the city of Novi will share the remaining 20 percent. The project was scheduled to begin next year, but was delayed because of a lack of road funding.

"My concern is that four new subdivisions are under construction now that will be adding many, many new vehicles to the 10 Mile parade, Hicks said. "This will bring new collisions and injuries in the area of that intersection.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Jeff Mayer, concerned about continuing accidents at 10 Mile and Napier, has begun a petition to bring safety improvements to the intersection before 2017.

to get worse with all the development going up," Mayer said. He wants to see immediate changes, like rumble strips, a lower speed limit or possibly more signs, before 2017.

Some responders suggested having a police car near problem intersections during rush hours

Sgt. Mark Venus, com-

Dangerous day

Nov. 3 was an especially bad day for accidents along 10 Mile.

The first accident was a two-car rollover reported at about 3:25 p.m. near Napier Road. The second accident was a four-car pile up just before 5:30 p.m. near Johns Road. Injuries were reported, but there were no fatal-

ities The Napier Road accident involved a 24-yearold Wixom woman who was air-lifted by Life Flight to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, where she was list-

mander of the Oakland County Sheriff's substation in Lyon, said he can assign officers "periodically, but it's impossible for me to say I can post a deputy there during rush hour every day. There's no way.'

Officers have been "trying to do what they can and when they can when they're not busy with other calls," Venus

ed in critical condition. The other driver was a 36-year-old Pinckney resident who was taken to Providence Park Hospital in Novi, where he was treated and released. The road was closed until early the next morning.

The second accident involved four vehicles in the Johns Road area. Drivers and passengers in the cars were taken to Providence Park Hospital in Novi, where they were treated for minor injuries and released. All the occupants were wearing seat belts.

The drivers and passengers included a 61-



said. "A lot of it is that people just have to pay more attention. Extra care should be taken when you go through that intersection until we get a light up there."

When the masses speak

"The more people who sign the petition will force legislators to control which projects happen when," Mayer said. "We can escalate their time lines. Everyone is talking about it, but no one is really doing anything about it."

The issue always gets strong responses on social media. This was especially true after two accidents last week in Lyon Township on 10 Mile in one day — one at Napier and the other at Johns Road.

"You can't just let people get into horrific accidents from now until 2017," Mayer said, adding that ideally the petition will "escalate the project. But if that's impossible, there needs to be some interim steps between now and when the project actually happens."

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year-old South Lyon woman, a 49-year-old Farmington Hills man, a 65-year-old Brownstown Township woman, a 65year-old Brownstown Township man and a 35-year-old South Lyon man

A flashing light is at 10 Mile and Napier, "but it's just a flashing light," Crawford said.

Feedback to the road commission can be done online at www.rcocweb. org/aboutus/contact _us.aspx.

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LOCAL NEWS

West Bloomfield woman charged after Wixom shooting

Philip Allmen Staff Writer

A West Bloomfield woman faces a pair of felony charges following a reported shooting Sunday in Wixom.

Police Lt. Ron Moore said in a release that officers responded to the Village Apartments at about 1:50 a.m. Sunday morning to investigate a non-fatal shooting near Building 21, along Tamarack Drive.

Moore said an adult woman was taken to an area hospital with non life-threatening injuries



Burton

turned herself in to police custody at an area police station. A handgun was recovered from the suspect.

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ton, 31 —

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office issued a two-count warrant for Burton's arrest: assault with intent to commit murder and carrying or possessing a firearm when committing or attempting to commit a felony.

Moore said Burton was arriagned Tuesday before a 52-1 District Court magistrate on the charges. Bond was set at \$500,000. Burton is scheduled to return to court Nov. 18.

Wixom officers were assisted in the investigation by the Walled Lake and Novi police departments, as well as the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.



An aerial view of firefighters battling the Pepino's fire in Walled Lake.

Drone company lends assist in blaze

Walled Lake, Commerce and Novi fire departments responded Nov. 2 to a massive blaze at Pepino's restaurant, a popular long time family restaurant in Walled Lake.

The restaurant connects to an apartment building, which was downwind of the blaze. The firefighters had what they believed to be a good angle on the flames to prevent further loss to the apartMidrone was on the scene documenting the event and was asked to pitch in for the bird'seye view. Adams positioned the drone where the fire chief needed to focus fire suppression and save the apartments. See the video at https:// youtu.be/EriyjO_PBZE.

"Part of our mission at Midrone is to provide community service and make our homes safer using this technology," Adams said. "We created keep our communities safe."

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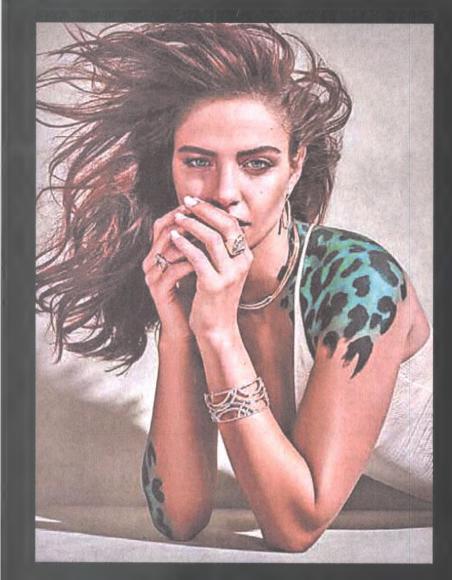
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Local commercial drone pilot Bill Adams of

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Rick Snyder signs the bills — he was expected to do so Tuesday — officials will determine costs and time lines and some initiatives could be accelerated when the funding gains final approval.

"Everyone's waiting for the governor to sign it," Palombo said last week. "Then we'll analyze how much it will cost, when the funds will show up and what it means in terms of existing programs."

Oladayo Akinyemi, manager of the Southeast Michigan Transportation Operations Center for the Michigan Department of Transportation, said that congestion along I-96 will likely increase if left unmanaged.

"Day-to-day traffic volume fluctuations and incidents make travel along this corridor highly unpredictable," Akinye-

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mi said. "Future traffic growth projected is expected to further exacerbate these issues. Addressing this congestion with permanent roadway expansion is not practical due to financial limitations."

Active Traffic Management would, Akinyemi said, include speed management, use of shoulders as travel lanes, lane management and queue warning systems through overhead or side-mounted signage that would advise drivers of lane choices.

In addition to solutions for I-96 congestion, proposed plans include the deletion of road widening projects that had been scheduled to begin in 2018 – an amendment that may be unnecessary with the approved roadfunding legislation - and a public-private partnership between MDOT and DTE Energy to install and maintain roadway lighting on MDOT properties.

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renhage, RRRASOC recycling coordinator. When thrown out with household garbage, old electronics can contaminate air, soil and water because they contain hazardous substances such as mercury and lead.

"Through proper recycling, these hazardous substances are handled in an environmentallyresponsible manner," she said. "E-waste also contains many valuable, recoverable materials such as aluminum, copper, gold, silver, plastics and ferrous metals, which can be recycled into new products instead of landfilled."

Acceptable items include: desktop computers, laptops, computerrelated equipment, televisions, printers, fax machines, telephones, gaming systems, cameras, holiday light strings, microwave ovens and small appliances. Basically, it is most items with a plug.

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Items not accepted at e-waste events include large household appliances, air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

Additional information can be found on the RRRASOC website at rrrasoc.org or by calling 248-208-2270.

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State scores fairly low on new test, local results coming later this month

Aileen Wingblad Staff Writer

Statewide results of Michigan's new standardized test, released Oct. 27, show high failure rates – but specifics on how local students fared won't be available for a few more weeks.

Bill Disessa, spokesman for the Michigan Department of Education, said the "plan is to get the results posted by the end of November" on the MDE website. Data for schools and districts will be released in a

'staggered" sequence, he said. The new test, known as the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress or M-STEP, debuted last spring, replacing the 44-year-old MEAP. It was administered to students in grades 3-8, as well as 11thgraders.

Of the 80 percent of students across the state who took the test, the best results among the grades were 50 percent of

third-graders showing proficiency in English language arts. Elsewhere, the results ranged from 45-percent proficiency for sixth-graders to 49-percent proficiency for fifth-and 11th-graders.

In math, results ranged from 28 percent of 11th-graders passing to 49 percent of third-graders passing.

The scores came as no surprise to state Superintendent Brian Whiston.

"With this all-new and more

rigorous test, we expected statewide student scores to be lower than what we'd seen with the old MEAP tests," Whiston stated in a press release. "While the overall scores on this new test are low, they aren't as low as we first thought they could be.

"In order to prepare our students for the careers of the 21st century and to vault Michigan to become a top 10 education state in 10 years, we need high standards and rigorous

assessments," he added. "This year's results set the new baseline from which to build.'

According to Whiston, the M-STEP measures the state's standards that give students a deeper understanding of what they are learning. Rather than "bubble sheets" and multiple choice questions, the new testing is more interactive and requires students to demonstrate problem solving and critical thinking through written responses.

Eighth-graders discovered significance during their trip to Washington, D.C.

 ighth-graders are eighth-graders. Last week, I was able to spend a few days with our eighth-grade students from Novi Middle School as we toured Washington, D.C. This experience reinforced for me that they are who you would

think that they are. At times, they are frustrating. At times, they don't listen very well. At times, they seem to think that they are the only ones on the planet.

At times, eighth-grade students are more interested in what is on their phones than they are in what is outside the window. At times, they text too much. At times, they become caught up in the drama of a situation.

In short, eighth-grade students are not perfect. That is not really a surprise.

But there are other times that eighth-grade students exhibit a maturity that is amazing. At times, they are very considerate. At times, they are insightful.



At times, eighth-grade students do gain insight and do understand that others have paved the way for them.

It is at those times that all of the effort and all of the struggle to teach and motivate and encourage eighth-grade students makes sense.

There were many times on our eighth-grade field trip to Washington, D.C., that I could tell that our eighth-grade students understood the significance of the trip and gained insights that would shape their lives.

One such incident was at the Vietnam War Memorial. The Vietnam War Memorial is a sobering site. A black granite wall cut into the earth with the names of more than 57,000 American soldiers etched onto

its face. As one stands and looks at the memorial, it is almost overwhelming. The significance of this

memorial was brought home to the group of students I was chaperoning, because we found two names that meant something to us. Craig Reska was a Novi

resident who was killed in Vietnam. The father of one of the boys on the trip had discovered that this Novi resident was recognized on the memorial for his service and his sacrifice. My group of young eighth-graders found his name on that wall.

Richard Toschi was the cousin of my brother-in-law. He, too, gave his life and was recognized on this memorial for his service and his sacrifice.

As I stood with a group of eighth-grade boys surveying a wall that had 57,000 names etched onto it, the meaning of the wall was difficult to grasp. But when we were able to find

two names that meant some-thing to us, two names to which we had a personal connection, then the wall came alive. No longer was it just another memorial.

Now - because of Mr. Reska and Mr. Toschi – a small group of Novi Middle School eighth-grade boys was able to understand that our country is made possible because of the sacrifice of others.

Eighth-grade students are eighth-grade students. They can both confound and astound - that is the beauty of eighthgrade students.

Our Novi Middle School eighth-grade students will grow into wonderful, articulate and committed adults who every now and then will remember their eighth-grade trip to Washington, D.C.

Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is superintendent of the Novi Community School District. He can be reached at smatthews@novischools.net.

ON CAMPUS

Denison University

Two local students, members of the class of 2019, were among those awarded a First Year Merit Scholarship. Blake Kent, a gradu-ate of Northville High School, received the Denison Alumni Award based on academic achievement, leadership and personal merit. Thomas McMaster, a graduate of Novi High School, received the Deni-son Founders Scholarship based on academic achievement, leadership and personal merit.

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sell, to serve, to do all those kinds of things," Mayer said. "You could

some home.

S'craft moving forward with brewpub plan

David Veselenak Staff Write

Livonia is one step closer to getting its first brewpub in town.

Schoolcraft College went before the Livonia City Council earlier this month to request approval for a new Class C liquor license for the college's new brewing and distillation technology program, which launched earlier this year.

Linda Mayer, an attorney representing Schoolcraft College, told the council the students, all of whom will be 18 and older, will brew beer as a part of the curriculum on campus at the VisTaTech Center.

"It will be within the culinary kitchen wing,' she said. "The brewing equipment will be wholly contained within that space, and they will sell and serve the beer there within the restaurant that's affiliated with the culinary program.'

The council voted unanimously to approve the request for the college to obtain the necessary license from the



FILE PHOTO

Tom Block, of Block Brewing in Howell, will teach in the Schoolcraft program. The program received approval from the Livonia City Council recently to request a liquor license from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Rich Weinkauf, the college's vice president and chief academic officer, said they will submit the resolution from the city council once the minutes are approved Monday.

Mayer said the school is requesting a new Class C license for the brewing program, one that would allow for the school to serve and sell the beer made by students on the premises.

'Right now, they have a Class C license at the (VisTaTech) Center. It's an event license," she said. "It's only usable for

candidates with degrees

events."

The original event license would remain intact at the college and could still be used during events and fundraisers, Mayer said. The new license would not affect the limited amount of licenses the city is allowed by law either, she said.

If approved, Schoolcraft College would be the first brewpub to open in Livonia. Several other communities have seen brewpubs open up in recent years, including in Farmington, Lyon Township, and Northville

Earlier this year, Livonia saw its first beer maker, Liberty Street Brewing Co., come to town.

The next steps

It could take about 90 days for the license to be approved, meaning the college will be able to serve beer sometime early next year if approved. That will allow students to serve beer at the American Harvest restaurant.

"We're really hoping

kauf said. "We intend to be teaching students how to serve beer, how to pour it."

Beers served will have to be other brewery's beers until the brewpub license is approved, Weinkauf said. That approval process will take several more months, as the college needs to have its equipment in place before a state inspection. Weinyear that students will serve beer brewed on premise.

an instructor, said the program has 44 declared students in it, and more are expected to join when the new semester begins in January. He said it's a wide mix of students, but that they are all very determined to succeed.

I'm getting. They are incredibly motivated," he said. "They seem extremely happy in this program. I think they're going to be successful."

for early January," Weinpermissions are secured, students will then be able to sell and serve their brewed beer to patrons on campus, as well as

kauf said it won't be until probably next academic

Weinkauf, who is also

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College seniors and alumni from Michigan's two- and four-year year colleges can meet with prospective employers from a diverse range of fields at the biannual Michigan Collegiate Job Fair.

The event, which is sponsored by Eastern Michigan University, is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia

The event is one of the state's largest career fairs, with more than 120 employers currently registered. Employers include Aflac, Coca-Cola

Co., DTE Energy, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, IBM, The Kroger Co., Quicken Loans, Thomson Reuters and numerous state and federal departments.

Candidates can view a list of participating employers and pre-register for the event at the MCJF website. Students who pre-register will receive a pre-printed name badge, including their major and affiliated university. There is no registration fee, but attendance is limited to college students and graduates

"Many employers want to hire entry-level in business, technology, engineering, human ser vices and allied health," Ebony Jones, senior corporate relations manager at EMU, said in a release. "Employers also need candidates from all areas of liberal arts, particularly the government jobs, because these students and alumni have transferable skills. The good news is that we're seeing an increase in the number of employers participating over the last cou-

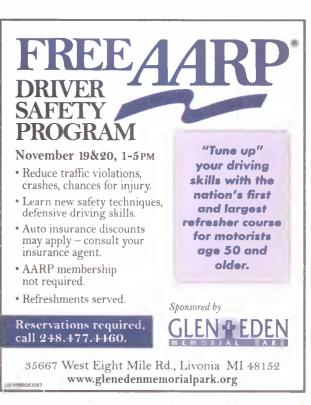
ple of years. Jones recommends that candidates dress in professional business attire, bring several

copies of their resume and research the employers that they are interested in speaking with prior to the event.

One distinct offering for candidates is the ready room, Jones said. The room is staffed by career services professionals who can prepare candidates prior to entering the fair.

"The ready room booths provide help with practicing handshakes, with LinkedIn photos, company research, job fair success tips and wardrobe touch ups," Jones said.

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Madonna online learning program helps rebuild Haiti

Pamela A. Zinkosky Correspondent

Metro Detroiters live just a short drive from many accredited universities offering a wide range of degrees. And despite complaints about Detroit roads, at least they're passable.

In the Caribbean country of Haiti, which was struck by a massive earthquake Jan. 12, 2010, there are few universities and none with U.S.comparable programs. Haiti also has many impassable roads, problems with electricity, climate challenges, widespread poverty and political subterfuge standing in the way of students seeking degrees.

Enter Madonna University's Haiti Education Leadership Program, or HELP — a three-vear online bachelor's administration program with a community leadership certificate for Haiti citizens. Founded in 2011 by Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, the former president of Madonna University who retired earlier this year, the program boasts two graduating classes of about 25 Haitian graduates each, plus about 15 or more students are expected to graduate in May

The program ties into the Felician Sisters of North America's mission of providing assistance in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake, with the aim of creating Haitian leaders who will ultimately improve their country. "It sounds cliche, but you help one person at a time," said Donald Conrad, associate professor of business law and economics at Madonna, who helped found the program.

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Conrad noted.

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Merging two



Paul DeNapoli, Madonna's director of Fire Science, Emergency Management and Occupational Safety & Environmental Health, and Donald Conrad, associate professor of Business Law & Economics at Madonna, who helped found the Haiti Education Leadership Program.

The candidates apply and are screened by a Madonna University liaison and are then interviewed in Haiti by Conrad and other HELP committee members. Some 50 people may come from all over Haiti to Port-au-Prince, the nation's capital, where interviews take place. It can be a challenge in itself just to sometimes impassable. The average annual

wage is \$300 to \$600, said Paul DeNapoli, Madonna's director of Fire Science, Emergency Management and Occupational Safety & Environmental Health. DeNapoli a retired Livonia firefighter, attended Livonia Franklin High School with Conrad and now works with him on Madonna's HELP committee.

"The poverty is oppressive, the heat is oppressive, everything's oppressive," Conrad said. "But the people are as friendly and as positive as can be. Nobody complains."

"The challenges to these students are extremely high," Conrad said, explaining that students have family crises and work commitments that sometimes get in the way of their school work.

The upshot of these challenges is that many Haitians have a hard time fitting into structured, deadline-driven American academics. Many of them lose contact with professors while dealing with medical issues or family problems and it can be difficult to keep them on track to graduate, DeNapoli said.

The future of HELP

The HELP program is now in its fifth year and Madonna University is committed to continuing it. Many organizations go to Haiti, provide some assistance and leave, DeNapoli noted, but Madonna wants to build a sustainable program.

Madonna is looking for benefactors to assist with tuition costs - students are asked to pay about \$200 per semester, but that's nowhere near the cost of administering the program — as well as program alumni to donate their time and talents. The goal is to form an alumni association Madonna can tap for program recruiting and possibly financial sponsorship, so that the university can break even on administration costs.

"The goal would be that the program would take off on its own," De-Napoli said. There may even come a time when alumni can teach some of the courses, he said.

Madonna also has its eye on hospitality and tourism in Haiti — a budding industry for the Caribbean nation as it rebuilds after the earthquake. The university would like to begin a hospitality and tourism degree program and has had discussions with the Port-au-Prince Marriott Hotel about a partnership.

În the meantime, Conrad and DeNapoli continue to travel to Haiti a couple of times a year to interview candidates and look into opportunities for expanding the program. They also look forward to May, when the Haitian students travel to the United States for graduation.

Conrad enjoys getting the group together for a barbecue at his house, but as the program continues and graduating classes become larger, he may need to find another venue, he said. Either way, he enjoys getting the students together, hearing their stories and wondering what they'll do next.

Community leadership

Because the HELP program is designed to foster Haitian leaders who will build a stronger nation, the students' final leadership course includes a community service internship.

Haitian students have chosen everything from working on chicken farms to teaching kids how to play basketball to working on gender equality and human rights. Most students report that the experience made them want to do more community service and to encourage more of it among fellow students.

"It was an opportunity for us to see how we can help our country moving forward and we will encourage other people to start doing community service," one student wrote in a report.

"Regardless of their field of studies, I believe all students at the university should perform a service learning project," another wrote. "It is a culture that I want to teach as well in my community, as schools in Haiti do not really encourage community work."

Conrad is impressed with the students' resilience in the face of challenges and foresees them changing Haiti for the better. "I always say that I wouldn't be surprised if a (HELP) graduate is president of Haiti one day," he said.

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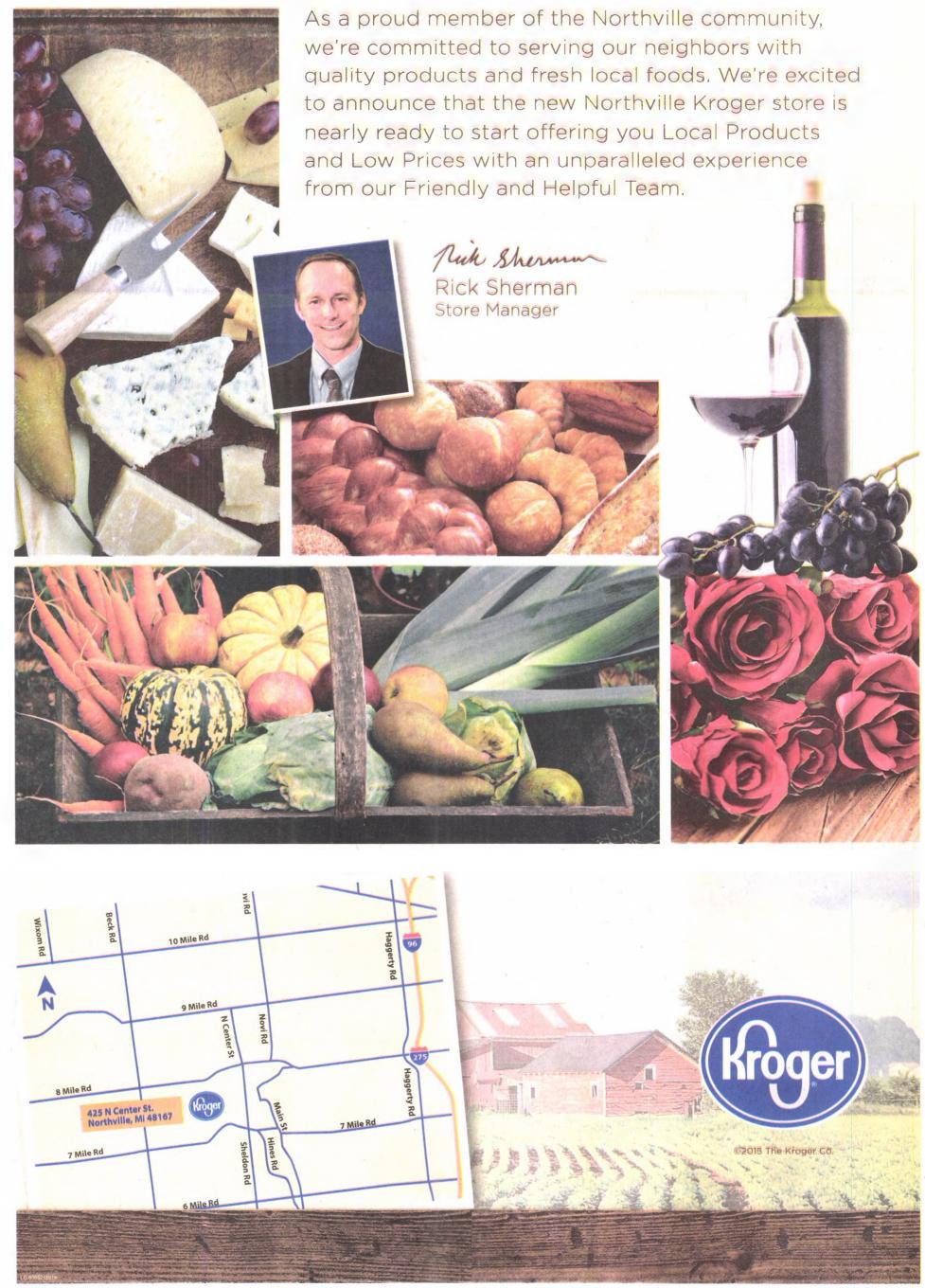


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Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: 248-349-8847

Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)

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Crosspointe Meadows

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday Web: www.crosspointemeadows.org Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience

Destiny Worship Center

Web: www.DW3C.org

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 41355 Six Mile, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com

Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

Location: 45301 11 Mile, Novi Contact: Kanji Fuki Contact: 248-756-3336

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Location: P.O. Box 605, Novi

RELIGION CALENDAR

Contact: 248-767-1366 Pastor: James H. Moseley Jr. Asst. Pastor: Ashaki M. Mose

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org Contact: 248-442-8822 Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Special Needs Ministry: Judy Cook, 248-442-8822 Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays -

Extraordinary Women by John MacArthur Adult Bible Class: 11 a.m. -

"Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" by Adam Hamilton; 9:30 a.m. - "Who is This Man?" by John Ortberg; 7 p.m. – "Making Sense of the Bible"

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-349-2345 Web: www.faithcommunitynovi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Women's Group: 12:30 p.m. third Thursday Children's Faith Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, North-

Contact: 248-348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile Contact: 248-348-7600 Web: www,dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic Worship; 11 a.m. Revive (contemporary) Worship; 11 a.m. Kids Worship and Teen Worship; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School Monday: 7 p.m. - Bible Study Fellowship Men's Bible Study Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. - Women of the Word Women's Bible Study Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - Caravan Scouting program for kids ages 4 through fifth grade; Club 45 for fourth-and fifth-graders; Merge Middle School Worship night; Bible Study with Troy Ogle; Little Critters preschool program; Alpha class from 6:30-8 p.m. – an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is for high school to adult. Thursday: 6 a.m. - Men of Purpose Prayer and Bible Study Revelation

First Free Will Baptist Church

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road,

Novi Contact: 248-348-2380

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Location: 200 E. Main, Northville Contact: 248-349-0911 Web: www.fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for

First Presbyterian Church

all ages)

Location: 205 E. Lake St., South Lyon

Contact: 248-437-2875, office@fpcsouthlyon.org Worship: Blue Christmas Service, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21 Worship: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24 office@fpcsouthlyon.org

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington **Gluten-free Halloween Party:**

6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 - The Tri-County Celiac Support Group is hosting the event. Trunk or Treat setup begins at 6:30 and candy distribution from 7-8. Please make sure that the candy you bring is gluten- and peanutfree. GF doughnuts and cider will be served in the church hall along with children's games until 9. A dance party will be held from 8:15-9. The event is free for members; \$10 for nonmember families. RSVP and questions can be directed to marci.faro@gmail.com or borgnes@aol.com.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville Contact: 248-349-1144 Web: www.fumcnorthville.org

Frank Turner Ministries

Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: 810-599-7392 Web: www.FrankTurner.org Sunday Gathering: 10 a.m. The **Believers Congregation in Novi** receives all desiring God's love, grace, healing and acceptance, regardless of faith background, gender identification or sexual orientation. The atmosphere is warm and loving. The attire is casual. Experience an entirely new way of sharing and receiving the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, Novi Contact: 248-349-0565 Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-7757; office@mbccc.org

Web: www.mbccc.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; church school and nursery care provided during worship

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. **Ten Not So Simple Rules:** Sundays through Nov. 22 -Senior minister the Rev. Art Ritter will offer a sermon series exploring how the commandments came to be, what purpose they serve, and consider whether some commandments no longer speak to our.modern world. The series will explore one commandment each Sunday (save Consecration Sunday, Nov.

Memorial Church of Christ

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia Minister: Mark McGilvrey Web: www.5milechurch.org Contact: 734-464-6722; churchoffice@5milechurch.org

Metropolitan Seventh-day **Adventist Church**

Location: 15585 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth Contact: 734-420-3131 Web: www.metrosdachurch.org Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Saturday Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Saturday Bible Study/Prayer: 7 p.m. Wednesday

NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township Contact: 734-233-3621; pheaton@northridgechurch.com

Northville Christian Assembly

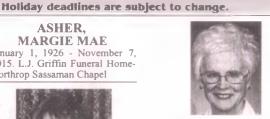
Location: 41355 Six Mile Contact: 248-348-9030

Web: www.ncalife.org Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).

Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville **Center for Jewish** Life

Details: Events, programs and



HERMAN, JOAN D.

Age 87, passed away November 2, 2015. She was born and raised in Detroit, daughter of the late George and Agnes Combs. Joan moved to Bryan, Ohio in 1962. She retired from Aro Corporation and was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, Bryan, Ohio. She is survived by her sister, Patricia Senko; her children: Cathy Parson (Ron) Fovargue, Karen Parson Ungerer, Richard (Lisa Chadwick) Parson, and Nancy Parson (Brent) Davis: her step son, Duane (Carol) Herman; 10 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Herman; her brother, George Combs; her son-in-law, Ron Ungerer; and her first husband. Richard G. Parson. Her life was spent enjoying friends and family, sewing, camping, traveling and spending winters in Florida. It can be said that the measure of a person is directly proportional to the love given back by their family and the affection of their friends. By that measure, Joan's spirit will soar with grace among the clouds. A memorial service was held on Monday, November 9 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital or Wesley Methodist Church-United

MOHR, SANDRA E. Age 77, of Northville, formerly of Hudson, OH, passed away 2, 2015. Full obit at Nov.

MOORE, SR., JAMES H.

Died Monday, October 19, after a brief stay at the Indian River Medical Hospital and VNA Hospice, surrounded by family James, known as 'Jim'or 'Jimmy to his family and friends, was born to Lewis and Florence Moore on December 12, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan. He grew up on Edison Avenue in the City of Detroit in the same neighbor-hood as car moguls, including the Ford and Dodge families, during the heyday of automotive growth in the Motor City. Jim graduated from Northern High School in Detroit and entered Duke University at age 18. He was inducted into the U.S. Army in April of 1943 reporting to the 11th Airborne Division, as part of the 66th Infantry where he was trained as a paratrooper. He made nine combat jumps onto various islands in the Pacific Theater becoming a Ocean decorated combat veteran. Jim returned to Duke in 1946 where he met his future wife, Joyce Ellen Dawson of Douglaston, New York. They wed May 7, 1949 and began married life in Detroit. Jim secured a position in the insurance industry eventually forming an agency partnership in Birmingham, Michigan. The couple was among the original 50 members to form the Congre-gational Church of Birmingham. After retirement, Jim and Joyce moved to Vero Beach, Florida where they enjoyed their 'new life' on the Treasure Coast, generously hosting frequent family vacationers. Jim, an avid golfer and boater, was a charter member of the Birmingham Athletic Club and a member of Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. In Vero Beach he joined the Dodger Pines Golf Club and the Vero Beach Country Club. Jim enjoyed traveling, circumnavigating the world once, chartering sailboats in the Windward Islands, and visiting his beloved ancestral land of Scotland on several occasions. Jim was known for his sense of humor, sharing it freely with family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Ellen; his four sons and daughters-in-law, James Jr. and Diane of Traverse City, Michigan, John and Susan of Gaylord, Michigan, Jeffrey and Mari Anne of Northville, Michigan, and Joel and Catherine of Harbor Springs, Michigan; nine grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Alexander W older Moore. A Memorial Service will be held November 13, 2:00 p.m. at the Community Church of Vero Beach. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made in honor of James H. Moore to We Care of Indian River County (www.wecareofirc. org) or the Community Church Vero Beach music department, 1901 23rd Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960. Online condolences may be made at www.coxgiffordseawinds.com.

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HARPER

of Northville and Plymouth, MI, died November 7, 2015 after a brief illness. Mary was the daughter of George Coburn Harper and Helen McCambridge d the loving Peter F. Yost. She is survived by son Charles of Northville, wife daughter Dalice; Магу Chapdelaine, husband William. Mary was preceded in death by sons James and William, survived by wife Maureen. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Ms. Yost worked as a secretary for many years and her passion, besides her family, was cross-stitch, knitting, and crocheting. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. In lieu of flowers the family recommends contributions in her name to Woodstock Nursing and Reha-bilitation Center, 105 Arnold bilitation Center, 105 Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock GA 30188.

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BROWNE, SELENA R.

Age 52, passed away at Kairos

Dwelling on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. A celebration of her

life will be held at Joldersma &

Klein Funeral Home on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at

3:00 p.m. with visitation taking

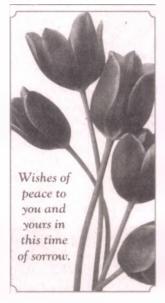
BUTCHER, **DELORISE F**.

Age 78, formerly of Milford passed away November 7, 2015 She was born on July 16, 1937 in Paintsville, Kentucky, daughter of the late Russell & Maudie Elam. Delorise was known for her strong and abiding faith in her Lord and Savior. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother and loved spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved to go shopping and spending time with her family. She is survived by loving children: nnie) Butcher, Donnie (Bonnie) Dennis (Shannon) Butcher; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and her siblings: great-Della Grim, Mary Blair Sharon Smith; and her brothers: George Elam and Bill Elam. Delorise was preceded in death by her daughter, Debra Pilkington; and her husband, Donnis Butcher. Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 12 from 3:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. with a funeral service being held at

7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W Lake St., South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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HICKS. EILEEN

As of October 19th, there is another angel to watch over all of us. Eileen Hicks is now at peace, just in time to celebrate her 96th birthday with her love of 65 years, the late Blaine She was the beloved Hicks. mother of Stanley (Linda) Hicks of Arizona, the late Linda Hicks. Sue (Lary) Snow of Plainwell, and Frank (Deb) Hicks of Middleville. She will also be missed by her many grandchil-dren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She will be remembered for the sweet, stubborn and independent woman she was. We all hope that there is an endless supply of new books for you to read, jars of candy that are always full, and many sweet kitties for you to love on! Honoring her wishes, cremation has taken place and a private memorial service will take place later. Arrangements made were by Lauer Family Funeral Home-Wren Chapel 1401 N. Broadway in Hastings, MI. Please visit www.lauerfh.com and share condolences for Eileen's family

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Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-427-1175; holycrossnovi@gmail.com Web: www.holycrossnovi.org Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service **Alzheimer's Support** Group:10 a.m. second Saturday

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi

Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665

Web: www.legacychurch.us Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m. Worship Services: 11 a.m. Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 Web: www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

activities for all ages throughout the year — children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs and community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and Leah Susskind; 248-790-6075: rabbi@novijewishcenter.com Web: www.novijewishcenter-.com

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-349-2652 Web: www.umcnovi.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433

Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday

Peace Vigil: noon first Sundays in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

OakPointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile. Novi

Contact: 248-912-0043

Web: www.oakpointe.org/ lifegroups

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.

ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)

Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations

Oakland Baptist Church

Location: 23893 Beck Road, Novi Contact: 248-982-4041 Web: www.oaklandbaptistnovi.org

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake Contact: 248-926-6584 Web: www.orchardgrove.org

LOCAL NEWS

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Rwandan genocide survivor to speak Nov. 23

Archdeacon Justin Zigiranyirazo, a genocide survivor from Kibuye, Rwanda, will be speaking at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium.

Zigiranyirazo has worked to reconcile and renew hope in his community in his country for the past 21 years.

One of the poorest

areas in Rwanda, Kibuye suffered greatly due to the genocide of 1994, severely affecting economic and social development. Zigiranyirazo has worked tirelessly to reconcile people and build up the community through local churches and leaders and by encouraging and teaching people to use available resources so they can

become economically self-sufficient.

Zigiranyirazo will speak about his experience as a genocide survivor and recount how hope, thanksgiving and forgiveness — even in the most tragic situations - can prevail to bring peace. He encourages listeners to be hopeful and thankful in whatever difficulties they

face. The event is co-sponsored by His Church Anglican and the Livonia Human Relations Commission. Zigiranyirazo will be visiting His Church Anglican in Livonia Nov. 6-29. Church members have visited Zigiranyirazo at their sister church in Kibuye,

Rwanda, twice in the

past five years.



Archdeacon Justin Zigiranvirazo and his wife Philomene.

Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

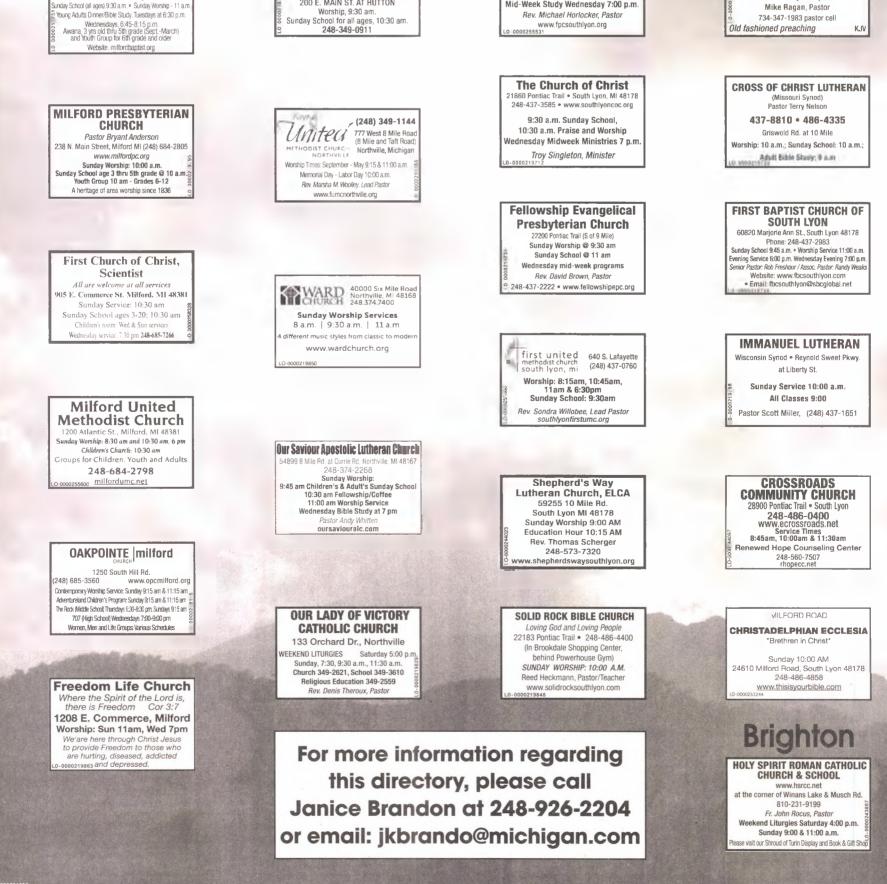


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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Fit for golf

Time/Date: 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12

Details: Oakland Physical Therapy hosts this program to help golfers learn about the connection between the lumbar spine and the lower extremities during this golf swing and to teach safe and effective ways to stretch muscles. Perfect for snowbirds Held at 26850 Providence Parkway, Suite 365, Novi. Call 248-380-3550 or email mail@oaklandphysicaltherapy.com to reserve your spot. Free.

Civilian pistol safety class

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 Details: The Novi Police Department will be offering the class at the Novi Police Department Training Center (45125 10 Mile Road). The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

Registration forms are available online at www.cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$150 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited, and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend. For more information, go to cityofnovi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-921-9843.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 14, at Power

Park.

Details: E-Waste - electronic products nearing the end of their "useful life" – will be collected at Power Park. Many of these products can be reused, refurbished or recycled. Often, they contain recyclable components that have value if properly recycled. They also often have hazardous constituents such as lead, mercury and flame retardants that can pose an environmental or health threat if not properly handled. For a complete list of acceptable items, go to www.cityofnovi.ora.

For further information about **RRRASOC or Waste Days, call** 248-208-2270.

Northville Democrats

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16

Details: Northville Democratic Club monthly membership meeting takes place at the Cady Inn, 215 Griswold Ave., Northville, at Mill Race Village. The group is developing committees to recruit and support candidates, plan town halls and events, develop technology and fund raise. Discuss hot topics in politics and how the club and support the ideals of the Democratic Party. The League of Women Voters will be providing a presentation on its goals and purposes and be available to answer questions. Go to www.northvilledems.com for more information

Democrats of West Oakland County

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17

Details: Democrats of West Oakland County host House Minority Leader Tim Greimel as the guest speaker. Also, collecting unwrapped toys for Hospitality House. Meet at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile in Novi, Go to www.dwoc.info for more information.

Novi Concert Band Fall Concert

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Nov. 18 Details: "Sounds of Autumn" concert will feature music for fall, Halloween, spooky and seasonal music at the Novi Civic Center on 10 Mile Road. Cider, coffee and doughnuts will be provided at intermission; admis

Late-season fun



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Matt Harris of Madison Heights comes zipping out of the forest at Novi's Lakeshore Park mountain biking trail Nov. 2. Harris was taking advantage of a beautiful day with the temperature near 70 — and hitting the park's extensive trails.

sion is free.

Time: Noon to 2 p.m.

Details: Holiday special event

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great way to enjoy a delicious

meal and entertainment with

friends. Tickets (\$7 per Novi

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Older Adult Services office

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friends and family as you gather around the table of plenty for a

traditional holiday feast of roast

turkey, mashed potatoes and

whipped cream will complete

the meal. Enjoy an afternoon of

entertainment with John Latini.

The Turkey Time luncheon is

sponsored by BrightStar Care.

Thursday, Dec. 10: Are you a

Travel on a magical adventure

to the North Pole and rekindle

the wonder of Christmas at the

All Aboard the Polar Express

Holiday Luncheon. Join your

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Center will sponsor this event.

For more information about the

holiday luncheons, contact Judy

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Older Adult Services, at 248-

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believer? Does Santa exist?

Thursday, Nov. 19: Share

cherished memories with

gravy. Pumpkin pie with

resident) must be purchased in

luncheons coming to Mead-

stage **Special Luncheons**

Time/Date: 7 p.m Saturday, Nov. 28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29

The Nutcracker on

Details: Northville Ballet Theatre presents its annual production of The Nutcracker, along with contemporary Christmas dances. Performances to be held at Northville High School. Program to benefit Northville Civic Concern. For reserved seating and tickets, call Timberlane Dance at 248-924-8357. Adult tickets are \$15, \$10 for seniors and children. The company is under the direction of artistic director Kathy Cooke. go to www.timberlanedance.com

Concert band performance

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13

Details: The Novi Concert Band, the community band for the city of Novi, will perform its holiday show "Music for the Holidays." The group will perform music for all ages and tastes. The performance is free, but donations welcome. The concert will take place at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road



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A color guard begins the ceremony at the Novi Civic Center. Leading the group, with the American flag, is Dennis Stricklus of the American Legion.

Celebrating our veterans

The city of Novi hosted its annual annual veterans brunch Nov. 5.

The city invites all veterans in U.S. armed forces as a thank you for their service to the country.



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Vietnam veteran Don Allee (center) and other vets salute the flag Nov. 5 at the start of the ceremony at the Novi Civic Center. Veterans enjoyed a brunch, patriotic music, speeches and camaraderie with those who have also served the country in uniform.

CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the following Boards & Commissions:

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- Library Board
- **Public Access Promotion Committee Zoning Board of Appeals**

If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or

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Trott headlines Livonia event honoring Vietnam veterans

Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

It's no secret Vietnam veterans returning from war in the 1960s and '70s didn't get much love from an American public with a strong anti-war sentiment.

Sunday, as the country marked the 50th anniversary of that unpopular war, Vietnam veterans finally felt some love. U.S. Rep. Dave Trott,

R-11th District, headlined an hour-long ceremony that honored more than 130 veterans from all five branches of the service who served at least one tour in Vietnam. The veterans representing the U.S. Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard — were honored with a commemorative pin and a proclamation honoring their service signed by President Barack Obama.

The ceremony took place at Madonna University in Livonia. It featured the Shrine Pipe and Drum Corp and Shrine Legion of Honor posting the colors, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel, leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and a stirring rendition of The Star-Spangled Banner by Madonna University student Alisa Pullum of Redford.

Trott, elected in 2014, said the event was timely in honoring the service of those veterans.

"When they came home, they weren't treated with the respect and appreciation they deserved," Trott said. "Even 50 years later, some (veterans) still don't feel like they get any respect. Many felt the pain of a nation that seemingly turned its back on its veterans. Each of you served with honor and distinction. Each of you deserves our thanks and respect."

Julie Gregg of Westland was one of some 300 people in attendance to see the veterans honored. Her father, Richard Gregg, served as a military photographer for the U.S. Army. He served in Vietnam for a year, from 1967-68.

Gregg said she was glad to see her father get some recognition.

"The did amazing things over there," she said. "They did a lot of things nobody gives them credit for. They deserved to be appreciated for what they did. They sacrificed everything for their country. I'm incredibly proud.'

During his remarks, Trott noted that a pin and a proclamation 50 years later was a symbolic gesture. But it was one the vets in attendance seemed to appreciate.

"I'm very proud they recognized the Vietnam vets," said Gordon Segal, an infantryman from South Lyon who served in Pleiku, Vietnam, in 1968-69. "They know what happened to us when we came home."

Fellow U.S. Army veteran Richard Mamayek of Canton, who was also in Pleiku from 1968-69, said he "doesn't dwell" much on the reaction he and the other returning vets received when they came home.

Mamayek acknowledged times were different back then and that Sunday's ceremony "helps" with the healing.

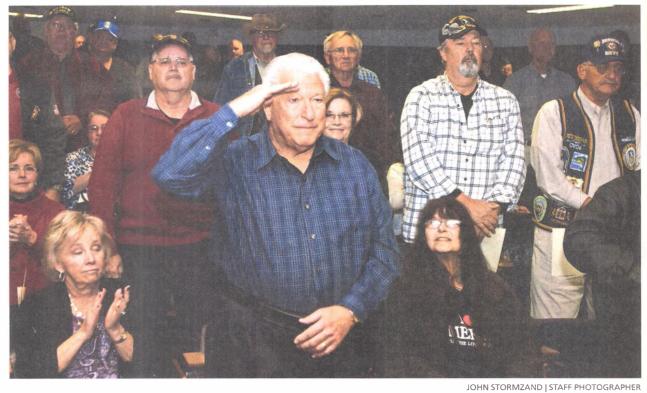
"It was a different world back then, different times," Mamayek said. "People didn't believe in the war. (But) whether (the war was) right or wrong, we were there. It's nice our nation recognizes we were there for our nation when we were needed."

That was the message Trott tried to deliver, acknowledging problems in the Veterans Administration as well as other "promises" the country "hasn't kept" with its veterans.

"Everyone recognizes there are promises we've made to these folks," Trott said. "This (ceremony) doesn't solve all the problems, but I think it helps.'

Trott told veterans they deserved the thanks of a grateful nation.

"You were there for America when she needed you," he said in his keynote speech. "You



U.S. Navy veteran Joe Farone of Livonia served on the U.S.S. Intrepid off the coast of Vietnam.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jack Kirksey, mayor of Livonia, accepted a pin from U.S. Rep. Dave Trout in honor of his late brother, U.S. Navy Admiral Robert Kirksey.

deserve this recognition because you placed the country's needs ahead of your own. When your country asked you to serve, you stepped up

and answered the call. Our nation remains forever in your debt."

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Dave Cobb, who served with the U.S. Marines in Vietnam, shakes hands with Dr. Michael Grandillo, president of Madonna University, after receiving his proclamation.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Bernie Skonieczny (left) fought with the 101st Airborne from 1968-69 in Vietnam.

New elderly abuse penalty proposed in Legislature

Kathleen Gray

Michigan.com

Penalties for abusing vulnerable adults, including senior citizens. would increase under a package of four bills introduced in the Michigan Legislature last week.

The crimes would involve caretakers abusing adults under their care and the punishments would range from 10-20 years in prison and fines of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Other bills introduced last week include the repeal of antiquated agriculture-related laws, revisions of fees paid to record property documents and allowing the creation of bus rapid

transit lines on state trunk lines.

House bills

HB 5041: Allow for improvements or additions to property that don't conform to land use policies. Sponsor: Rep. Lee Chatfield, R-Levering.

HB 5042: Allow facilities owned or leased by the state to purchase electricity from alternative suppliers. Sponsor: Rep. Lee Chatfield, R-Levering.

HB 5043: Exempt the installation of stream gauges from natural resources permits. Sponsor: Rep. Gretchen Driskell, D-Saline. HB 5044: Require

Internet safety instruc-

tion in education curriculum. Sponsor: Rep. Robert Wittenberg, D-Oak Park.

HB 5045: Allow county clerks to waive concealed weapon permit fees for certain individuals. Sponsor: Scott Dianda, D-Calumet.

HB 5046-5049: Increase penalties for first- and second-degree abuse of a vulnerable adults. Sponsors: Reps. Holly Hughes, R-White River Township; Tom Leonard, R-Dewitt; John Bizon, R-Battle Creek, and Kathy Crawford, R-Novi.

HB 5050-5060: Repeal laws having to do with: breeding horses; collecting certain taxes; punishing the sale of

immature calves, pigs, kids and lambs; regulating and licensing dogs; insect pest and plant diseases; disposing of silos treated with polychlorinated biphenyls; regulating slaughterhouses; maintaining seed sampling and laboratories; licensing and inspecting liming material; encouraging the raising of started pullets (hens); regulating the sale of poultry and livestock remedies. Sponsors: Reps. Dave Pagel, R-Berrien Springs; Ed Canfield, R-Sebawaing; Triston Cole, R-Mancelona; Holly Hughes, R-White River Township; Martin Howrylak, R-Troy; John Bizon, R-Battle Creek; Bruce

Rendon, R-Lake City; Brett Roberts, R-Eaton Township; Dan Lauwers, R-Brockway; Tom Barrett, R-Potterville, and Jason Sheppard, R-Temperance.

HB 5061-5062: Allow the implementation of bus rapid transit lines on state trunk lines, and provide for penalties for vehicle use on those lanes. Sponsor: Rep. Sam Singh, D-East Lansing. HB 5063: Provide

income tax credits for

eligible teachers for certain supplies they provide for students. Sponsor: Rep. Sheldon Neeley, D-Flint. HB 5064: Establish a

week in October as a time for remembrance of lives lost to domestic violence, Sponsor: Rep. Sheldon Neeley, D-Flint.

HB 4065: Provide the criteria for certifying perinatal hospice program. Sponsor: Rep. Jason Sheppard, R-Temperance.



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CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!

'Tis the opera season in the area

Julie Yolles Social Scene Columnist

ichigan Opera Theatre continues its groundbreaking work and community outreach with the company premiere of The Passenger, for four performances Nov. 14-22. Composed by Mieczyslaw Weinberg in 1968, the opera will be sung in seven languages - Russian, German, Polish, French, Yiddish, Czech and English — with English subtitles projected above the stage.

The opera was suppressed by the Soviet government for more than 40 years, MOT has partnered with more than 60 organizations and individuals throughout southeast Michigan to raise awareness of *The Passenger's* universal themes, which is to remember victims of genocide and address its impact today.

"Art can unite. Music can make a difference. Opera can serve as a catalyst for productive dialogue," MOT president and CEO Wayne S. Brown said. "We honor our community partners who are joining us on



this journey with The Passenger." And Michigan Opera

Theatre honored its patrons of opera and dance at the recent 28th annual Opera Ball Gala. It was a grand celebration all around, with the kickoff of the 45th anniversary season of MOT and the 20th anniversary of the Detroit Opera House. Two celebrations: The first brought in 360 guests for the main event, chaired by Joanne Danto of Bloomfield Hills. More than 250 people attended the Young Patron Party, chaired by Paul Ragheb of Birmingham and Amy Kaminsky of Royal Oak.

Danto, a formal principal dancer with the Joffrey Ballet and many others, was instrumental in bringing in American Ballet Theatre principal dancers Misty Copeland and Gabe Stone Shayer to perform a few numbers from their upcoming performances of The Sleeping Beauty, coming



JULIE YOLLES

Shirley Shirock of Novi, Michael Acheson of West Bloomfield, Michigan Opera Theatre founder and artistic director Dr. David DiChiera, Maggie Allesee of Bloomfield Hills and Kathy and Kim Cooke of Northville. Allesee, an MOT board member for nearly 20 years, received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Opera Ball and is featured in this photo with some of her family.

March 31 through April 3, 2016, to the Detroit Opera House.

Dance was further celebrated that night with the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to arts champion Maggie Allesee of Bloomfield Hills.

Guests were also entertained by Nicole Cabell and Sean Panikkar who sang the roles of Mimi and Rodolfo in MOT's season opener La Boheme, Oct. 17-25. The Opera Ball, spon-

sored by Ford Motor Co., raised \$450,000. Look for Allesee at the Hob Nobble Gobble, also presented by Ford, Nov. 20. She'll also be "spreading dance joy with our young patrons," Brown said, at matinee performances of *The Nutcracker*, Nov. 27 through Dec. 6.

For tickets and more information about *The Passenger*, Nov. 14-22 at the Detroit Opera House, and related community outreach discussions, go to michiganopera.org or call 313-237-7464.

Class teaches hunters, home cooks how to can meat

Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

You've bagged a deer. Now learn how to can it. Christine Venema,

MSU Extension Service educator, can show you how in a class on pressure canning meat from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 14, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia.

"This is the first time I've done this class," Venema said. "I'm gearing it to those individuals who are hunters. You've already got your buck and your freezer is full. What do you do with the meat you get from your doe permit?

"I'll be demonstrating techniques needed in the canning of meat and stressing the point that it has to be done via pressure canner. Some folks out there are still using a boiling water bath technique and we haven't done that since 1945."

Although she hopes to pique the interest of hunters, Venema said the class is open to anyone who wants to preserve meat by pressure canning. She'll demonstrate using beef.



FILE PHOTO Christine Venema, MSU Extension Service educator, gives pointers on safe canning.

Poultry, fish, and smaller game, such as rabbit and squirrel, all require different techniques. Venema will focus on the techniques used in preserving venison, beef, lamb, pork, veal and bear.

Why can instead of freeze meat?

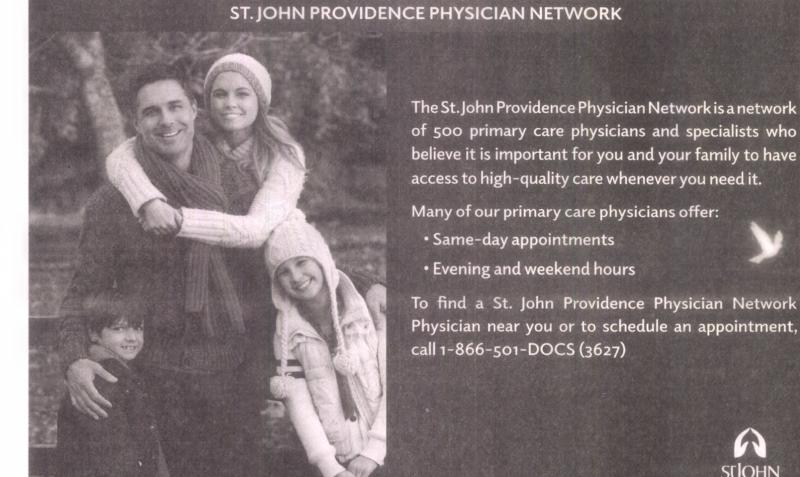
"It's a personal preference. Some folks have canned beef for years," Venema said, adding that her grandmother canned meat from the cows she slaughtered. "When it comes to venison and bear, the canning technique tenderizes the meat somewhat."

Equipment

Pressure canners either include a dial gauge to indicate pressure or a weighted gauge. Price ranges from approximately \$60 to more than \$300. Venema said a dial gauge pressure canner should be tested for accuracy every year and its plastic safety valve should be replaced every three years. She'll have equipment on hand to test canners brought to the class.

"I'll have information on where to get spare parts if your gasket has worn out or if you've never replaced the safety valve," she said. Venema also will teach about vinegars and homemade syrups in a "Gifts from the Garden" workshop 1-3 p.m. Nov. 14. She said she'll likely demonstrate a blueberry syrup and a flavored vinegar. Participants in both sessions will take home a food product.

Cost for each workshop is \$20. Register online at www.event-

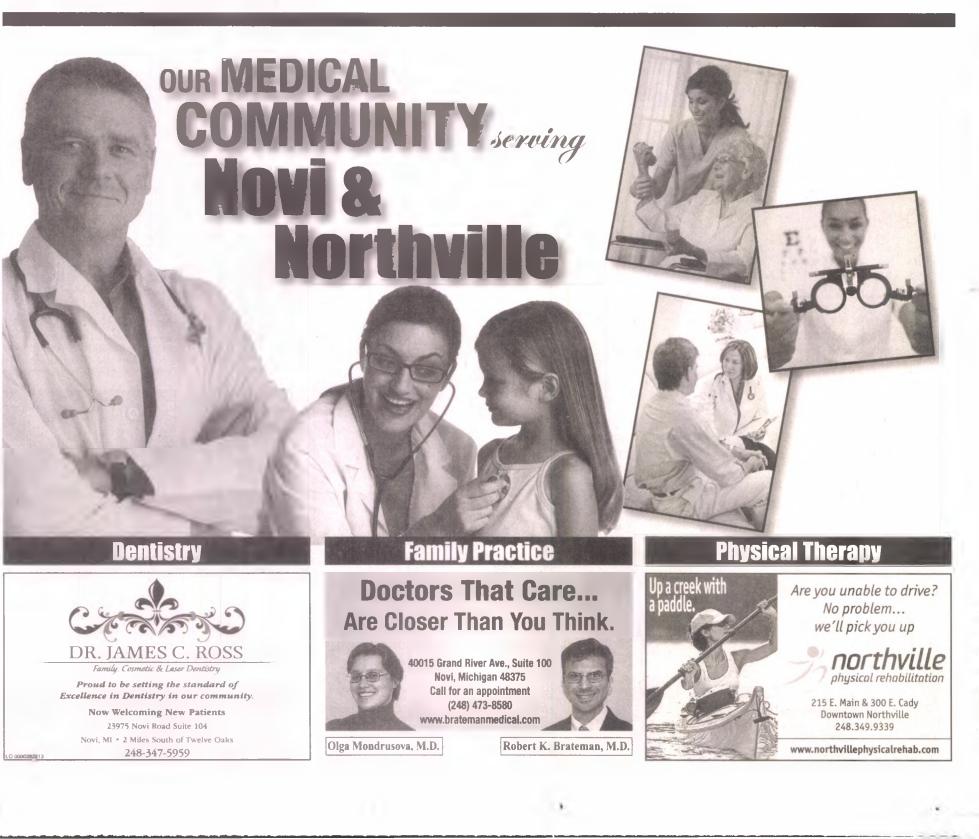


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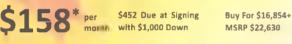
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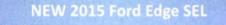
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OUR VIEW

Apathetic voter turnout disappoints; local elections key to democracy in action

The Schoolcraft College millage sought in last week's general election was defeated by a narrow margin.

Voters rejected the 0.6-mill tax increase, 21,051 no votes to 19,998 yes, a 1,053-vote margin of defeat. The 10-year proposal would have cost the owner of a \$200,000 home about \$60 a year. It had been years since the community college, which serves the Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Northville, Garden City and Clarenceville school districts - including some Novi, Novi Township and Salem Township voters --- sought a millage increase.

In the South Lyon mayoral election, only 67 votes separated the winner from the third-place candidate. And 25 votes made the difference in who won the third and final seat on the South Lyon City Council. It wasn't quite so close in Novi.

The issue of low voter turnout looms.

As he left Garden City's Memorial 1-2 Campus after voting Nov. 4, Garden City resident Steven Dodge said, "I hardly ever miss an election. It's my right to vote. The elections that are more local, I think they have more effect on your life.'

He voted no on the Schoolcraft millage, citing taxes and budget concerns. Dodge took the time and



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Judging by turnout numbers, there were often more candidates and poll workers at polling places than there were voters

made the effort to have his voice heard.

In nearly every community we cover, voter turnout was low. In Novi, only 15.3 percent of registered voters cast ballots. South Lyon was better, at about 21 percent. Westland was only 12 percent. In Farmington Hills, it was all the way up to 24 percent.

Take a look at your tax bill if you're a homeowner.

You'll see taxes you pay for your schools, library, metroparks and more. It stands to reason you should exercise your right to speak up on how that money is spent.

City clerks and their staffs were hard at work Election Day, making sure all ran as smoothly as possible and voters' voices were heard. Poll workers, too, do their part to make democracy work at the local level

We hear a lot about the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign; some of us are already weary of Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton soundbites. Government on local levels matters every bit as much, if not more, so in future local elections, remember to exercise your right to vote.

An informed voter makes his or her choice well. Newspaper coverage and League of Women Voters and other forums provide an opportunity to learn about candidates, their stands and the issues of the day. We endeavor to provide as much information as possible to aid you in making an informed decision. If you didn't vote last week in local elections, pause

a moment before the next time you start to complain - and think of what you could have done with a few minutes at your local voting precinct.

LETTERS

Voter support appreciated

I am very humbled and honored to have been elected by the voters of Novi to another four-year term on the Novi City Council.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported me during my campaign and to all those individuals who placed their

Phil Allmen,

Community editor

Larry Ruehlen,

Managing editor

faith in me by voting for me

I would also like to congratulate Mayor Bob Gatt on his re-election as ,ayor and Mayor Pro Tem David Staudt and council member Laura Marie Casey on their re-election. I would also like to welcome Brian Burke as the newest member of

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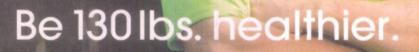
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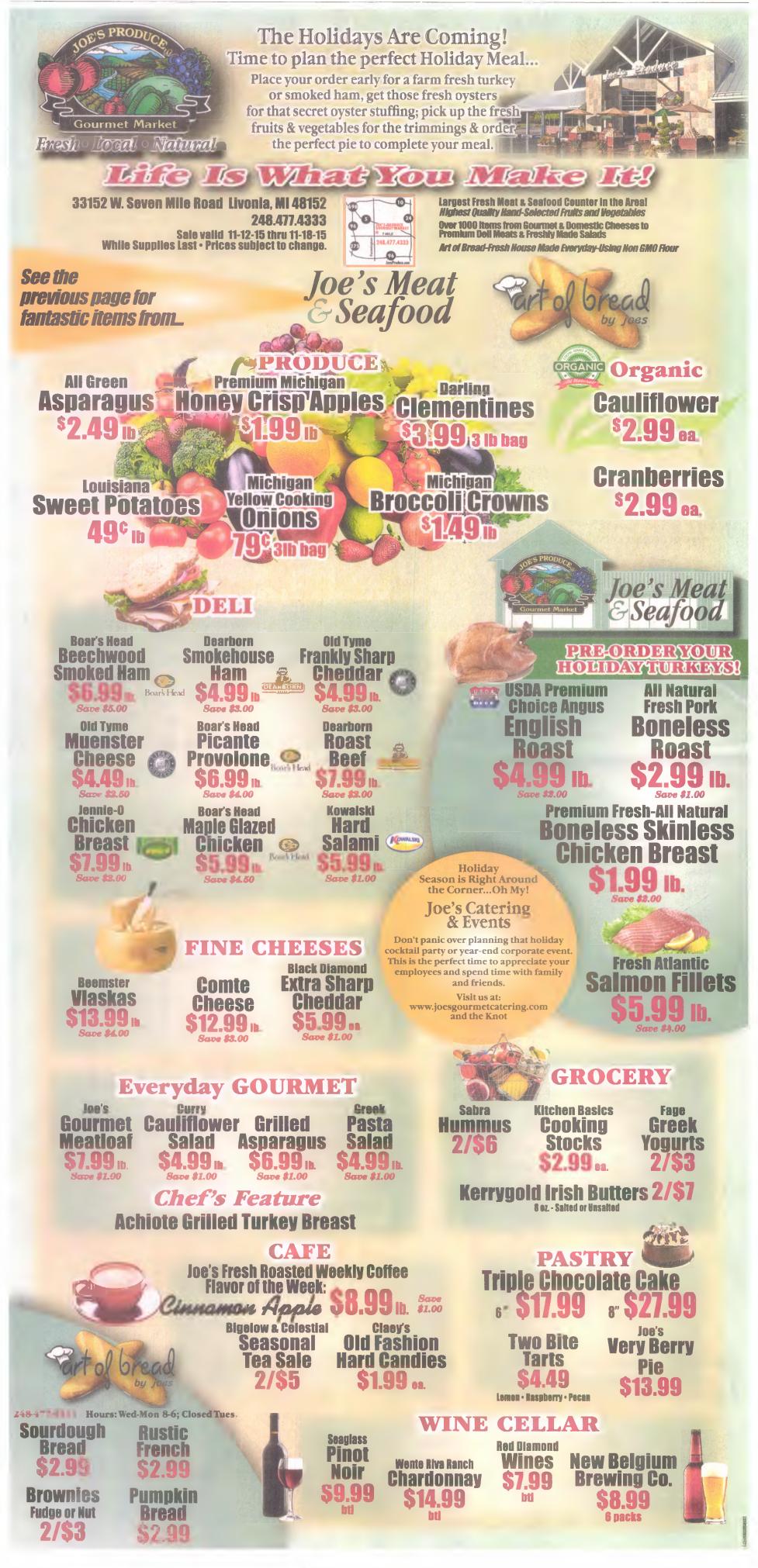
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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

So close: Northville state runner-up

Rockford nips Mustangs by two for D1 crown

Brad Emons Staff Writer

Northville boys cross country has come a long way since Chris Cronin took over as varsity coach 17 years ago.

After spending the previous five seasons as the Mustangs girls coach, Cronin moved over to the boys program in 1999 and had only one individual state qualifier that season.

Fast forward to Saturday's 2015 MHSAA Division 1 state finals and Northville earned its best team finish in school history, placing runner-up to defending champion Rockford by a only a two-point margin, 99-101, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"There is no doubt that

there is something special about this team," said Cronin, who guided Northville to fourth place in 2014 and fifth in 2013. "But what defined this team more than anything was the brotherhood that formed between them over the course of the season. It started at our

team camp in August and continued throughout the season. From grueling mile repeats in practice to race day, they were committed to the team concept. It doesn't surprise me that our first to fifth runners' split was a mere 31 seconds on the most demanding race day of the season."

Rockford got a one-three finish from senior Isaac Harding and sophomore Cole Johnson, who posted 5,000-meter times of 15:10.4 and 15:15.0, respectively. Rounding out the Rams' scoring contingent were Grant Gabriel, 34th (16:00.3); Grayson Harding, 39th (16:04.4); and Matthew Mac-Gregor (84th (16:24.9).

Northville, meanwhile, got a pair of all-state (top 30) performances from junior Ben Cracraft (14th, 15:42.1) and senior Conor Naughton (15th, 15:42.5).

"On Thursday, we discussed race strategy with the boys and they all followed it to perfection," Cronin said. "Working together, Cracraft and Naughton positioned themselves in the second pack of runners through the first two miles and then worked through the field during mile three. Ben has been rock-solid all season and Conor, who battled a foot issue

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Members of Northville's Division 1 runner-up contingent include (front row, from left): Nicholas Couyoumjian, Ben Cracraft, Sean Coleman, Christian Freiburger, Conor Naughton, Kenny Goolsby, Thomas Smither: (back row, from left) assistant coach Colin Riley, head coach Chris Cronin, assistant coaches Jack and Tim Dalton.

PREP FOOTBALL



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville's Zach Prystash dives for a touchdown score in the first half against Canton. Trying in vain to stop him is Lou Baechler (right) of the Chiefs.

Northville's dream year comes to a halt, 34-27

Northville rally falls short in district championship

> Tim Smith Staff Writer

CC wins wild shootout against Novi



Their biggest game of the season awaited Canton on Friday night.

But before making the bus ride over to Tom Holzer Ford Field in Northville, Canton head coach Tim Baechler talked to his team about Josh Nolen — the former Chiefs defensive back who died Oct. 30 after a bout with kidney cancer.

Nolen's funeral was earlier Friday, attended by the entire team.

"We had the (No.) 8 stickers, we talked about it," Baechler said following Canton's 34-27 victory over previously unbeaten Northville in a Division 1 district final. "I told the kids in our meeting room before we got on the bus: 'Guys, if you knew you had a week left to live, what would you do? How hard would you play? This young man was just sitting here like you five years ago. You can't waste a down, you can't waste a play, you can't waste a day.

Baechler's speech hit the mark, because on the second snap of the ballgame, 5-foot-7 junior running back Markus Sanders burst through the Mustangs' defense for a 74yard run.

Only a desperation tackle by Ryan Nelson kept Sanders from scoring. Taking it in

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Catholic Central's Nicholas Capatina (left) eludes the grasp of Novi tackler Ryan Welch in the Division 1 district final.

Shamrocks rack up 491 net yards rushing in district final to overcome Wildcats, 49-35

Brad Emons Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is still a few weeks away, but Novi Detroit Catholic Central can already count its blessings for a much improved running game in the MHSAA Division 1 state playoffs.

The Shamrocks' offensive line proved to be the difference Friday night as it helped account for 491 yards total offense – all coming on the ground – as CC out-gunned an upset-minded Novi squad, 49-35, for the district championship.

Catholic Central, which improved to 9-2 while advancing the regional final next Friday at Romeo, got 218



Catholic Central's Nicholas Capatina (middle) slips through of trio of Novi tacklers (from left): Nick Sabo, Adam Guirey and Ryan Welch.

yards rushing and three touchdowns from 5-foot-7,

160-pound junior Nicholas Capatina in a game that could only be described as a shootout.

"The line did a great job today," Capatina said. "Whenever they do a good job, it's real easy for me. The line is just getting a great push and we made a great adjustment coming into the playoffs and we just do a good job.

"I felt like we had to keep scoring and I felt our offensive line did a good job opening up the holes and (I) got to run for a lot of yards. It was a lot of fun."

It wasn't fun, however, for the defenses as the two teams combined for 955 yards total offense.

Novi (6-5) got another ster-

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BOYS SOCCER

CC's run ends in state semifinals, 3-1

Top-ranked Forest Hills Central scores three unanswered goals en route to state crown

Brad Emons Staff Writer

In the midst of their longest state tournament run in school history, the Novi Detroit Catholic Central boys soccer team finally met their match Nov. 4 on an unseasonably warm night in Holt.

Top-ranked Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central spotted the Shamrocks an early goal and then answered with three straight goals to oust CC in the MHSAA Division 1 state semifinals, 3-1.

The Rangers, who improved to 24-0-3, earned their first trip to the state finals since 2004, when they defeated **Rochester Stoney Creek** for the Division 2 state title, 3-2. They defeated Canton, 2-0, for the state title Nov. 7

Catholic Central, which had earned its first regional title since 1996, bowed out at 20-3-3.

"Whenever you get here everybody has a little bit of nerves," CC fourth-year coach Gene Pulice said. "Now this is our first time here. This is not uncharted territory anymore and I think the guys next year can be back here again. But I think all of our guys played exceptionally well. We competed for 80 minutes.'

Ironically, it was Forest Hills Central that found itself in an unfamiliar territory after CC junior Cade Kozlowski

scored just 7:24 into the match off an assist from Noah Walter after the ball was served into the box Charlie Trevisan.

(Walter) did a great job getting it over to me," Kozlowski said. "Just a great team goal. Noah was definitely looking for me there and served a perfect ball to me."

That CC score came after the Rangers' Max Postlewait had ripped a shot off the crossbar just two minutes into the match.

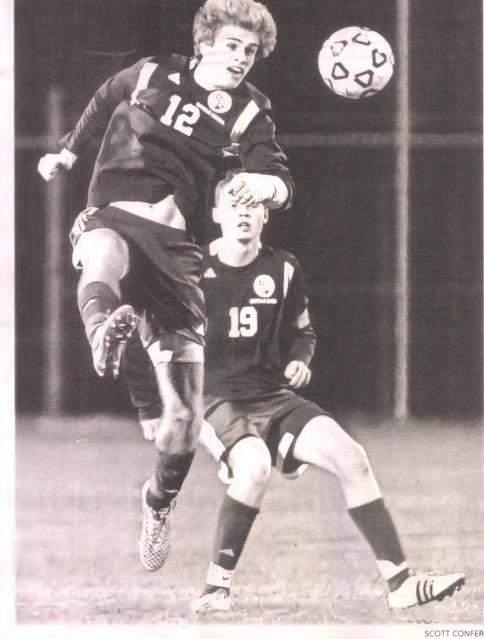
The Rangers also had a pair of goals disallowed with 20 minutes and 17:33 left in the half, respectively, after being whistled both times for offside

And in an action-filled first half, CC senior goalkeper Peter Kirouac left the field with an injury and was replaced briefly by fellow senior Connor Gaskin with 15:13 left.

"There was a collison in goal mouth," Pulice said. "Two plays later, (Kirouac) took an elbow to the mouth. He's got a laceration on his tongue. His tongue is the size of a grapefruit. But he continued to play. He made some big saves for us and the ball just didn't bounce our way.'

C.J. Strawser pulled Forest Hills Central even at 1-1 when he scored with 1:28 left until intermission off an assist from Postlewait. "This is the second

game we've trailed,'



Catholic Central's Luke Goings goes airborne in front of teammate Matt Turton.

Forest Hills Central coach Blair Lincoln said. "The first time we trailed was the first game of the season. We knew these teams coming out of Detroit were going to be tough. We had confidence in our strength of schedule. When you're down 1-0, the only way to go is claw back in or go home, so it was nice to see us respond before halftime and then the second half

pull away." But with less than 40 seconds left in the first half, CC nearly regained the lead when Kozlowski took a shot from 25 yards minutes, it became the Anthony Bowie show as the senior forward, headed to Western Michigan University, scored what proved to be the gamewinning goal on a header from Kevin Conn with 30:49 remaining.

Bowie then took advantage of a two-on-one situation to set up Mohamed Haji with only 7:33 left to give the Rangers a two-goal cushion.

"The (CC) kid kind of miss-hit it," Bowie said. "I was behind him and I saw my teammate wide open there, played him the ball and he did the

rattled," he said. Bowie proved to be a handful whenever he touched the ball, which was usually in the center of the Rangers' attack.

'He draws so much attention and he's such a special player," Lincoln said. "The people around him deserve a lot of special credit, too, because it's tough sometimes to get him the ball. When he gets it at his feet he does special things. His assist to Mo at the end of the game was just an unselfish play. It was good to see him on both ends of it tonight."

Bowie was certainly a difference-maker in the eyes of the Shamrocks. "(Bowie), he's a gamechanger and we knew that coming in," Pulice

Both Trevisan and

Luke Goings each had ample opportunities to score in the final 24:01 and 14:19, respectively, but couldn't get their shots on target.

"We had a lot of dangerous moments throughout the game, too," Pulice said. "Like I told the guys, we're proud who and what we are. We've come a long way as a team, as a program, as individuals ... we grew all year long as a group."

After going down two goals, the Shamrocks had no other options but to push up and try to find the back of the net. Forest Hills Central, however, was able to close out the match.

'They moved the ball really well," Kozlowski said of the Rangers. "They played hard. They're a very good team.

CC loses nine seniors to graduation, including some key performers on the back line which led to the team's best season in school history.

"It was the leadership of the seniors – Matt Turton, Peter Kirouac, Cole Moscovic, Justin Murray - they really kept us together," Kozlowski said. "They were really constructive on the field and I was really, really blessed to have them as my senior captains.

Pulice said the Shamrocks were a diverse team of players from four different grades, but also a tight-knit group throughout the season. The CC coach singled out the efforts of his staff that included Mike Stratton, Alex Lang, Brent Wasik and Bryan Finnerty, along with student manager Henry Koelling, a transfer student who had to sit out this season, along with the Rev. Dennis Kauffman.

"I think the culture in the school is growing, so you saw it tonight," Pulice said. "We had a bus that brought 50 or some, then there were other student supporters tonight. All this helps keep this team together. The





SCOTT CONFER Catholic Central's Justin Savona (right) goes for the 50/50 ball against Forest Hills Central's Marshall Brummel.

out that seemed to handcuff Forest Hills goalkeeper Avan Hungerford, who recovered to in time to make the save after momentarily losing his balance.

But during the final 40

rest. It was all on him.

Despite going down a goal early in the match. Bowie was confident his team could respond.

"We just had to stay confident and keep playing our game, and not get postseason is the bonus round. We're fortunate to have been here. I think we competed and we're proud of who we are.'

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GIRLS SWIMMING

South Lyon divers unseat Mustangs for first place

Northville settles for second in conference

Brad Emons Staff Writer

This time, the KLAA **Kensington Conference** girls swim meet didn't come down to a photo finish.

South Lyon Unified, using a 170-5 point advantage in diving, reclaimed its fifth conference championship in six years by scoring 901.5 points.

Northville, which last year edged South Lyon for the title by a mere half-point, 886.5-886, finished runner-up with 791.5, followed by KLAA Central Division teams Salem (686), host Novi (608) and Livonia Stevenson (493).

The KLAA South Division filled out the remaining places, led by Canton (390), Plymouth (304), Westland John Glenn (223), Wayne Me-morial (172), Livonia Churchill (127) and Livonia Franklin (90).

Northville earned two individual titles and capped the meet with a win in the 400-yard freestyle relay as Nicki Pumper, Katelyn McCullough, Gillian Zayan and Laura Westphal combined for a



WILL HAYES

Northville's Kelsey Macaddino was Kensington Conference champ in the 100-yard butterfly.

time of 3:33.98.

Westphal, the reigning **MHSAA** Division 1 state champion in the 500-yard freestyle, set a conference record en route to a first-place finish in 4:56.23. She was also runner-up in the 200 individual medley (2:06.67).

"She's great," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "I mean nothing much you can say about her that I haven't already said. She's not even tapered.'

Westphal will defend her state title in the 500 freestyle, but could swim either the 200 IM or 200 freestyle at the Division 1 state meet, Nov. 20-21 at the Holland Aquatic Center.

"I like her in the 200 free; she likes 200 IM," McNeff said. "We're seeing how she did today - 2:06 is a good time, but I think she can score

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higher in the 200 free and I think that's what she'll do.'

Macaddino, a junior, captured the 100 butterfly in 57.11 and also contributed to a school-record time in the 200-yard medley relay (1:48.02) as she teamed with Darby Mroz, Erin Szara and McCullough for a runnerup finish to Salem's meet record time of 1:46.93.

"We did well," McNeff said. "Some girls didn't have the time drops they wanted that we're used to, but they came back today, swam strong. We moved up in some spots today. Unfortunately it wasn't there for us, but overall I thought we had a really good meet. I was very proud of the girls and how they performed.

The Mustangs also got Division 1 state cuts from Pumper, fourth, 50 freestyle (25.21); McCullough, fifth, 100 freestyle

(54.47); and Sabrina Lee, eighth, 100 backstroke (1:00.97). Mroz, who wound up fifth in the 200 IM in Saturday's finals (2:13.87), also made a state cut in Friday's prelims.

But South Lyon's wide advantage in diving proved to be the difference. South Lyon took five of the first eight places and scored in eight of the top 16 to go ahead 422-312 after trailing 307-252 following the 50-yard freestyle. "We knew that going

in, that's what it's been the past three or four years, so the girls know it and if they want to make up for that they have to do it in the pool and, unfortunately, we didn't get it done today." McNeff said. "It was a half-point last year and actually they outscored us by 230 on the board last year."

Novi places fourth

Among the top individual finishers for Novi were McKaela Hill. fourth, diving (337.30); Emily Mayoras, sixth, 50 freestyle (25.46); Alexandra Cortez, eighth, 200 freestyle (2:01.9); Hanna Dong, eighth, 200 IM (2:17.91); Dana Kilponen, eighth, 50 freestyle (25.61); and Mallory Matlock, eighth, 500 freestyle (5:27.51).

said

The Wildcats' 200 freestyle relay team of Kilponen, Cortez, Mayoras and Bianchi took third in 1:40.87.

"We swam pretty good, we just didn't have the numbers the other teams had," Novi firstyear coach Ken Stark said. "But we swam really good and we picked up places today and got a few surprises. Just

missed a couple of cuts, but maybe we'll get them on a second chance (meet), but today was a very good day.

"A couple of the kids that broke through included our 500 freestyle girls. They all improved and that was a lot of fun to see. They're probably the swimmers of the meet."

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KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS SWIM MEET Nov. 6-7 at Novi H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: 1 South Joon Unified, 9015 points; 2. Northville, 791.5; 3. Salem, 686; 4. Novi, 6:08; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 493; 6. Canton, 390; 7. Plymouth, 30 8. Westland John Glenn, 223; 9. Wayne Memorial, 172; 10. Livonia Churchill, 127; 11. Livonia Eraklin, 90 Livonia Franklin, 90

FINAL HEAT RESULTS

200 medley relay: 1. Salem (Katie Xu, Linda Zhang, Patricia Freitag, Lisa Zhang), 1.46.93 (meet record); 2. Northville (Darby Mroz, Erin Szara, Kelsey Macaddino, Katelyn McCullough), 1:48.02; 3. South Lyon (Anna Geyer, Avery Covert, Megan Mieske, Taylar Sciborski), 1:51.47; 6. Novi (Karen Xu, Hanna Dong, Emily Osika, Ellie Caruso, Jessica Clarda 1:54.01

Clark), 1:54.39.
200 freestyle: 1. Megan Mans (Canton), 1:55.51; 2. Kelsey Macaddino (N'ville), 1:56.58, 4. Gillian Zayan (N'ville), 1:56.63; 6. Emily Kososki (SLU), 2:00.45; 7. Sabrina Lee (N'ville), 2:00.67; 7. Alexandra Cortez (Novi), 2:01.9.
200 ind/vidual medley: 1. Linda Zhang (Salem), 2:04.44 (meet record); 2. Laura Westphal (N ville), 2:06.67; 5. Mroz (N'ville), 2:16.5; 7. Nerys Gravell (SLU), 2:17.73; 8.

Dong (Novi), 2:17.91.
50 freestyle: 1. Carolyn Bischoff (SLU), 24.36 (set meet record in prelims, 24.14);
4. Nicki Pumper (M'ville), 25.21; 5 Sciborski (SLU), 25.34; 6. Emily Mayoras (Novi), 25.46; 7. Mieske (SLU), 25.48; 8. Dana Kiliponen (Novi), 25.61.
1-meter diving: 1 Camille Burt (Salem), 370.85 points; 2. Starr Bryan (SLU), 349.45; 3. Caitlyn Canadi (SLU), 315; 4. McKaela Hill (Novi), 337.30; 5. Alicia
Schmidt (SLU), 331.20; 6. Alexis Bidwell (SLU), 301.15; 8. Madeline Taylor (SLU), 289.40.
100 burtterfly: 1. Macaddino (N'ville), 57.11; 2. Anna Smith (SLU), 58.03; 8. Mieske (SLU), 278.

(SLU), 1:00.78, **100 freestyle**: 1. Allison Lennig (Ply.), **53**.18; 2. Bischoff (SLU), **53**.39; 3. Melanie Dunnuck (SLU), **53**.94; 4. Gillian Zayan (N'ville), **54**.11; **5**. McCullough (N'ville), **54**.47. **500 freestyle**: 1. Westphal (N'ville), 4:56.23 (meet record); 3. Kososki (SLU), 5:126.41; 4. Danielle Gardon (Novi), 5:22.48; 7. Gravell (SLU), 5:27.38; 8. Mallory

Martlock (Novi), 5:27.51. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Macaddino, Pumper, Zayan, Westphal), 1:38.23; 2. South Lyon (Smith, Sciborski, Dunnuck, Bischoff), 1:38.57; 3. Novi (Kilponen, Alexandra Cortez, Mayoras, Ava Bianchi), 1:40.87. 100 backstrooke: 1. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 57:37; 3. McCullough (N'ville), 59:37; 4. Pumper (N'ville), 1:00.18; 5. Mroz (N'ville), 1:00.65; 8. Lee (N'ville), 1:00.97. 100 breaststroke: 1. Linda Zhang (Salem), 1:04.86; 2. Szara (N'ville), 1:05.77; 3. Dunnuck (SLU), 1:08.91; 4. Covert (SLU), 1:09.81; 7. Kaytlyn Ihara (SLU), 1:12.8. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Pumper, McCullough, Zayan, Westphal), 3:33.98; 3. South Lyon (Mieske, Smith, Dunnuck, Bischoff), 3:37.76; 6. Novi (Cortez, Kilponen, Mayoras, Bianchi), 3:44.09.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Novi boys harriers third in MHSAA Division 1 finals

Plaetinck, Mudel earn all-state honors

Brad Emons Staff Writer

The Novi boys cross country team completed its best season since 2006 by finishing third in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals held Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

Rockford successfully defended its state title by fending off a strong challenge from Novi's KLAA Central Division chief rival Northville, 99-101, while the Wildcats wound up third with 177.

Novi was paced by a pair of all-state (top 30) performers in senior Joost Plaetinck, sixth overall in 15:23.8, along with sophomore Gabriel Mudel, 27th in 15:53.6.

Plaetinck's time was a career best and ranks third in school history behind only Chris Toloff, who ran 14:52 in 2000, and Tim Moore, who posted a 15:06 in 2001.

The last time Novi had two all-state finishers was in 2004 (Mark Moore and Amol Huprikar).

"Today's race has put Joost into the legends category for Novi cross country," said Novi coach Robert Smith, who just completed his 33rd season.

Mudel also set a career-best, breaking the 16-minute barrier for the first time.

"The last thing I said to Gabe before the gun went off was that he was going to make all-state," Smith said. "I usually don't like to make predictions, but I was confident that he would pull it off."

Novi's other three scorers were junior Scott MacPherson, 62nd (16:16.1); junior John Landy, 67th (16:16.3); and senior Adam Ditri, 126th (16:40.4).

MacPherson's was a career best, while Landy was only two seconds off his PR.

"Both of these guys brought their 'A' game to the state meet," Smith said. "I knew we were in pretty good shape scoring-wise when I saw them coming in together."

Ditri, meanwhile, was only eight seconds off his previous best.

"He did a great job of holding his composure," Smith said. "There were over 20 guys within five seconds of him at the finish. We were very fortunate that he was able to hold them off. It may have been the difference between third and fourth."

Novi's other two finishers were juniors Chris Silva (161st, 16:54.9) and Aric Landy (214th, 17:24.9).

"Aric had a little stomach issue today, yet he toughed it out," Smith said. "He has been in the 16:00s for us already this year, so I'm not worried about him at all for next year. He is a proven top runner for us.

Chris ran JV for us at



ROBERT SMITH Novi's Gabriel Mudel set a career-best, breaking the 16-minute barrier for the first time.

our regional meet, but his time there earned him the right to race in the big dance. It was the first time he broke 17:00. He ran a great race."

In addition to Northville finishing second and Novi third, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association also had two other top 10 teams — White Lake Lakeland (fourth, 190) and Milford (seventh, 249).

"Running with the best week-in and weekout allows us to gauge our status," Smith said. "No other sport in the KLAA has depth like this. It's awesome to have this quality of competition right in our own backyard.

"It was a great finish for a great season. I cannot be more proud of this team and their accomplishments."

Shamrocks eighth

Another area team, Novi Detroit Catholic Central, also garnered a top 10 team finish, placing eighth in Division 1 with 283 points.

The Shamrocks, who averaged 16:26.3 minutes per 5K among their seven-man contingent, were led by junior Ty Buckley, 59th overall in 16:13.6. Other CC scorers

Other CC scorers included senior Scott Smith, 79th (16:23.2); senior Avery Felty, 91st (16:27.6); junior Ben Racine, 100th (16:31.0); and junior Mark Borek 118th (16:35.9).

The Shamrocks' nonscorers were seniors Alex McLaren (150th, 16:51.1) and Matthew Fosdick (192nd, 17:11.1).

"I guess you could say that we could have run a little better, but we still had the bunch-up between our first man and fifth man was only 20 seconds," CC coach Tony Magni said. "If you take out the individual kids (qualifiers), our first man, Ty Buckley at 16:13. was in the top 40 (teamwise) somewhere. That was good, but unfortunately we needed some guys in front of him in the 30s and that probably would have gotten us maybe the top four or five. Our kids were a little disappointed. But hey, eighth place, as some of the kids were saying, is better than ninth place, which it is."



ROBERT SMITH

Novi senior Joost Plaetinck was the area's top individual finisher, in sixth place with a 5,000-meter time of 15:23.8.

Four of CC's top seven runners will be lost to graduation.

"Unfortunately, three of the guys who were supposed to come back this year from last year never ran," Magni said. "Our three kids coming back next year (are) Buckley, Racine and Borek. Hopefully, we'll get a couple of those kids back from last year and we'll be competitive again."

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Barrott earns all-state as Mustangs wind up fourth

Seaholm defends MHSAA Division 1 state championship ed her best time and finish on the flat and fast 5,000-meter MIS course with a clocking of 18 minutes, 00.6 seconds.



Brad Emons Staff Writer

Northville enior Lexa Barrott went out in style Saturday, earning allstate honors for the third consecutive year, as the Mustangs placed fourth in the girls cross country MHSAA Division 1 state finals held at Michigan International Speedway.

Top-ranked Birmingham Seaholm defended its state title with 90 points, followed by three Kensington Lakes Activities Association schools — runner-up Brighton (136), Milford (149) and Northville (150).

"We did not finish where we expected to, but that is how sports go," said Northville coach Nancy Smith, whose team was ranked No. 2 all season. "On the positive side, we were only out of third place by one point and second by 14 points."

Barrott, committed to Indiana University, postHerrmann, making her fourth consecutive state finals appearance, took 40th overall in 18:43.2, her best state meet time.

She was followed by senior Hailey Harris, 44th (18:50.0); freshman Olivia Harp, 47th (18:52.8); and junior Emma Smith, 64th, (career best 19:02.6).

It was Harris' best showing of the year after being saddled throughout the season with low iron, according to Smith.

Rounding out Northville's contingent were junior Cayla Eckenroth (141st, 19:44.8) and sophomore Rachel Zimmer (154th, 19:52.0).

Eckenroth, the Mustangs' No. 2 runner most of the season, ran conservatively at the state meet, according to Smith. She was suffering a shin injury, which sidelined her for four weeks and kept her out of both the KLAA Kensington Conference and regional meets.

"If Cayla would have

The Northville girls cross country team placed fourth in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals Saturday at MIS.

been at her normal level, it would have been a totally different race as we would have challenged for first or second," Smith said. "We knew going in we would have to have all of them at their best and today was just not our day.

"I'm still so proud of all that we accomplished this season and what our three seniors did at that last meet at the state finals and their great leadership abilities they showed all year and the last four years. Next year, we will regroup and come out fighting again as the season begins." Grandville sophomore Madison Troy was the Division 1 individual winner in 17:28.2.

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mid-season, is just hitting his stride. Together, they are a formative pair."

Other scorers for the Mustangs were seniors Christian Freiburger, 42nd (16:06.9); Thomas Smither, 43rd (16:07.5); and Kenny Goolsby, 54th (16:13.1).

"I thought if they ran well, they might able to finish in the top 60 runners – they did that and more," Cronin said.

Meanwhile, senior Sean Coleman placed 107th (16:32.8) and freshman Nicholas Couyoumjian was 127th (16:41.3). All told, five of the seven Northville runners posted career bests.

"One of the strengths of this team all season has been their ability to finish races strong," Cronin said. "Today, they were able to measure their efforts perfectly and have a finishing kick when it counted."

KLAA Central Division rival Novi, which edged Northville for the KLAA Kensington Conference and regional titles in the past two weeks, placed a distant third with 176, while White Lake Lakeland was fourth with 190.

"I credit the boys for never hanging their heads," Cronin said. "After Novi handed us single-digit defeats at the Kensington Conference and regional championships and second-place finishes at the Jackson and Portage Invites, they simply got back to work the next day. That was the same attitude they took to the line on Saturday – calm, focused and ready to do their jobs."

The two-point victory by Rockford ties the closest margin of victory in Division 1 since 2002, when — ironically — the Rams edged Milford for the crown.

"I think some people might look at two points and ask the question what if?" Cronin said. "To do that would simply diminish the extraordinary efforts of these young men. Without that type of collective effort, we would have had a hard time holding off Novi for second. The boys, to a runner, were absolutely brilliant."

Cronin also credited his staff, including assistant coach Tim Dalton, along with volunteer assistants Colin Riley and Jack Dalton, for the team's success.

"None of this is possible without the staff that I have helping me coach this team," he said. "They're not only amazing resources for the boys, but we collaborate on training programs designed to develop runners."

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Northville's Ben Cracraft (left) and Conor Naughton both earned all-state honors.

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Romeo could pose strong challenge for CC

Bulldogs possess impressive resume

Brad Emons Staff Writer

After winning its first two games at home in the football state playoffs, Novi Detroit Catholic Central now takes its show on the road this Friday.

And Shamrocks coach Tom Mach knows that going to Romeo, a team with a 10-1 record coupled with a stingy defense that has allowed only 79 total points all season, is not going to be any picnic in the MHSAA Division 1 regional match-up. Game time is 7 p.m.

"We have to play well to beat them, because they have all the elements of a good high school football team," said the 40th-year coach, who has guided CC to a 9-2 record this year. "Their kids play really hard and tough. You can see they play really well together and they've got things rolling pretty good. We're going to be walking into a bee's nest. We kind of know what's coming because we've done it before, but it's going to be a very tough football game, I think."

The Bulldogs are coming off a 37-14 win last Friday over previously unbeaten Lapeer.

"They kind of look like ourselves. They come right at you and they do a very good job of blocking and tackling," Mach said. "The running backs are very good. Their tight end, (Mitchell Heimbuch), I think, is one of their better football players. They run the wing-T. They have some deception and have power when they run it. And they hurt you with the play-action pass. They also will spread you and run a spread game. They do a lot of different things that cause you some problems."

Romeo quarterback

Paul Hurley, a 6-foot-2, 190-pound senior, demonstrated his passing ability by completing 16-of-21 passes for 237 yards in a 28-14 first-round triumph over two-time defending Division 1 state champion Clarkston.

"They use the pass as part of their whole scheme of things," Mach said. "If you give them the run, they're going to run it at you and they do a very good job of that. They have very good backs. (Brad Tanner) is one of their backs and he's very good. They have a couple of backs that are good, hard runners."

Romeo, meanwhile, has to be concerned with Catholic Central's newfound running attack that racked up 491 yards on the ground in a 49-35 district final victory last Friday over Novi. Junior Nicholas Capatina led CC as he rushed for a gamehigh 218 yards on just 17 carries.

Mach has analzyed his



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Catholic Central's Chyle Johnson (left) came up with a big second-half interception against Novi.

next opponent on film while trying to break down the Bulldogs' defensive approach. The Bulldogs, the Macomb Area Conference White Division champs, have four shutouts to their credit. The most points they've allowed this season occurred in a Week 9 loss to Utica Eisenhower, 17-14.

"Their defensive lineman aren't real big, but very quick and fast and cause you a lot of problems," Mach said. "They do a lot of different things with them to cause you trouble, stunting and so forth, looping ... they cause you a lot of headaches with your blocking schemes and they do have linebackers, defensive ends that are good size."

Mach hopes his defense will come around this week after giving up 464 total yards and 74 plays to Novi (6-5).

CC's leading tacklers last week against the Wildcats included Tyler Laurentius (six solo, five assists); Isaac Darkangelo (five solo, five assists); Blake Bueter (one sack, seven assists); Austin Darkangelo (two solo, six

assists) and Chyle Johnson (three solo, five assists, one interception). "I came out of that

game thinking that we outlasted them," Mach said. "We were happy to win the game by outscoring them. I wasn't really happy with the way we tried to stop them or didn't stop them, because we really never did stop them very much. They probably gained more yards on us than anybody I can remember. I think we have to do some work in that area."

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from the 1-yard line on the next play was senior running back Jakob Wickens to put the Chiefs in front 7-0.

"(Sanders' big run) kind of set the tone and let them know we were here," Baechler said.

Northville senior quarterback Justin Zimbo then had his firstdown pass tipped at the line and intercepted near midfield by Canton sophomore Colin Troup.

"That hurt; every possession in this game mattered," said Mustangs head coach Matt Ladach, whose team finished 10-1, its best record since 1961. "Turning the ball over was something we knew we could not do and, unfortunately, we did." The Chiefs subse-

The Chiefs subsequently cashed in on a 7-yard TD run by Wickens, opening up a 14-0 lead.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Making a stop on Northville's Terrell Cunningham during the district final is Canton's Micah Rinke. chewed up yards and minutes.

The only time Chiefs junior quarterback Jake O'Donnell had to throw the ball, it went for a 56-yard gain to junior Brennon Pelland.

Brennon Pelland. That play keyed a third-quarter TD drive capped off by senior Jared Stephens' 3-yard run.

"Our line was blocking hard all day, the run was working," O'Donnell said. "When you throw it once a game, you know it's going to be wideopen. That's what we did and it worked.

"You know he's going to be wide-open, you just got to get it to him."

Before the game, Ladach emphasized the need to put the defensive clamps on Sanders – who entered the contest with nearly 1,800 rushing yards and 27 TDs – if Northville was to move on.

If not Sanders running the ball (he ran for about 250 yards anyway), the Chiefs had "Our offense plays better when all three backs get carries," Bae-

chler said. Northville didn't go quietly, cutting the Canton lead to 21-14 with 1:25 to go in the first half. Zimbo and wide receiver Anthony Abbott II combined for a 50-yard touchdown pass.

The Chiefs responded with the long toss to Pelland, setting up Stephens' short touchdown run, taking a 28-14 edge into the locker room.

The Mustangs received the kickoff to start the second half, needing to score quickly to grab back some momentum.

Zimbo and his teammates did just that just one minute into the third, thanks to a spectacular hook-and-ladder play that went for 55 yards and a touchdown. After Zimbo threw a short pass to Jack Burke, the ball was pitched to Adam Ghabra, who went the rest of the way.

Canton pretty much

the march, taking it in from the 1. Northville made it a

plays. Wickens finished

one-score game again when Zimbo threw a 60-yard TD pass to Burke.

Then with about 5:30 left in the final quarter, the Chiefs got the ball back, only to be faced with a fourth-and-short at their own 45. Instead of punting, Baechler went for it. Making the first down was Stephens and the Chiefs were able to run out the clock.

"I don't care, I'm playing to win, it's playoffs," Baechler said, asked about potentially giving Northville a short field in a seven-point game.

Ladach said it was painful not being able to get another chance on offense.

"It's a situation where you're doing everything you can to get back in the game," Ladach said. "They get a first down, it's gut-wrenching. You can feel the kids behind you getting their hearts ripped out. It's tough."

Canton – which now faces nemesis Saline in a D1 regional rematch from 2014 – never gave

up the lead the rest of the way, grinding down

Northville's defense with a running attack that

Stephens (who also cracked the 100-yard mark) and Wickens to contend with. sealed the deal with a seven-minute TD drive, all on the ground, covering 68 yards in 11

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ling effort from senior slot-back Emanuel Jackson, who had 242 allpurpose yards, including 16 catches for 117 yards.

Not to be outdone was junior quarterback Alec Bageris, who completed 29-of-47 passes for 306 yards with two TDs and an interception. Junior wide receiver Anthony D'Annibale also added nine grabs for a gamehigh 152 yards and two TDs.

"It was a roller-coaster, up and down, up and down, nobody could stop anybody in the first half," said CC coach Tom Mach, whose team trailed 21-20 at intermission. "Finally, we got a break with the interception. We couldn't stop them for most of the game."

Catholic Central led 12-7 after one quarter, scoring on its two first two possessions as Capatina ran for TDs of 37 and 22 yards. But the Shamrocks had their first extra point blocked by Nick Sabo and failed on a two-point run.

Novi, which went three-and-out on its first possession, countered with a 1-yard TD run in the first quarter by the explosive Jackson, who finished with 90 yards rushing on 17 carries.

In the second quarter, Novi went up by a point as Jackson scored on an 8-yard run, followed by an 82-yard TD pass from Bageris to D'Annibale.

CC countered with a 3-yard TD run by Camer-

on Ryan to make it 20-14 with 8:03 left in the half while successfully converting the two-point conversion.

The Wildcats' Ryan Welch recovered a CC fumble at the Novi 36 with 6:44 remaining until halftime and Novi drove all the way down to the Shamrocks' 10, only to be stopped on fourth-andone with 37.4 seconds remaining while protecting the 21-20 advantage.

CC took little time to score on its first possession possession of the third quarter, as Philip Schmitz ran 41 yards for a TD, but Novi countered on a clutch fourth-andeight pass from Bageris to D'Annibale for a 17yard TD.

The Shamrocks then followed with a 47-yard TD run by Alex Bock and another Schmitz TD, this time from 54 yards out, for a 42-28 advantage entering the final quarter.

After Bageris found Jackson with a 26-yard pass down for a big first down to the CC 37, the Shamrocks' beleaguered defense got the break they were looking for the next play, when Chyle Johnson picked off a Novi pass at his own 26 with 4:02 remaining in the third.

"That one hurt," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said of the interception. "We couldn't capitalize on their (first-half) turnover. We took it down there right before half and couldn't get points there. We kind of knew we were going to be in a shootout. We just said, 'Hey, we just got to keep scoring with these guys' because we weren't feeling real comfortable stopping them. We probably should have started onside kicking even earlier."

A 24-yard run by Novi's Nathan Hankerson with only 5:13 to play in the game cut the deficit to 42-35 and put the pressure on the CC offense to score yet again.

The Wildcats tried an onside kick that the Shamrocks recovered and, three plays later, Capatina was at it again, going 25 yards for a CC touchdown with only 3:08 to play to make it a 14point spread again.

"They're good. We tried a number of different things and, when you miss tackles, it really doesn't matter what defense you put out there," Burnside said. "They did a good job at what they were doing. It doesn't help when you're getting taken out at the point of attack. It seemed they always had two or three guys on our one. And they did a good job. They have a good scheme. That was one of my biggest fears this year, was running into a real powerhouse running team like that. We're kind of a smaller, quicker defense and just kind of got bombarded and it made our heads spin a little bit."

Four other CC backs had 40 or more yards rushing, including Schmitz (four carries, 76 yards), Ryan (nine carries, 66 yards), Bock (two carries, 61 yards) and Carson Kovath (four carries, 40 yards).

CC freshman quarterback Austin Brown

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Novi's Anthony D'Annibale looks for daylight after the catch againt Catholic Central's Alex Bock (left) and Chyle Johnson.

threw three incomplete passes, but as it turned out the Shamrocks had no need to go to the air.

"I just think it's kind of just all of us working together, running backs running well, keeping their feet moving, offensive line getting on their blocks, taking on them just working well with the run," CC junior offensive lineman William Butler said. "Honestly, I just believe it's all of us coming together. We got a pretty young running back corps and the O-line is doing pretty well."

Capatina averaged a whopping 12.8 yards per carry thanks to the efforts of the interior five, which included Butler, Tom Kowalkoski, Chris Bradbury, Nicholas Bazany and Blake Bueter.

"Capatina was great," Mach said. "Our offensive line blocked very well. It was like offense

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versus offense. The two defenses had trouble tonight. I think the kids did a great job moving the ball on offense and scoring. I think our defense did a good job at times and made some plays when we needed it.

"It was a great football game. (Novi) played a very good game. My hats off to them. They did a great job."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Fourth time proves to be a charm for Novi

lacobelli's 21 kills lift Wildcats by Northville in Class A district final

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Big-time atmosphere, big-time stage, big-time performance.

That's what Novi's 5-foot-9 senior outside hitter Victoria Iacobelli delivered Nov. 5 as the top-ranked Wildcats upended host Northville for their second straight Class A district title in three sets, 25-12, 25-16, 25-19.

It was the fourth encounter this season between the two Central Division rivals, with Novi holding off two match points in the second set to pull out a three-set win in the KLAA Association championship (Oct. 24 at Milford).

But this time, Iacobelli wasn't going to leave anything for chance as she erupted for 21 kills, while hitting at a .429 clip to go along with 10

digs. "I love playing good competition with exciting crowds and this is why I love playoffs," Iacobelli said. "And it's awesome to play with such a great team with great support.'

Novi, which improved to 45-2, dominated the first two sets, but trailed 14-11 and as late as 18-17 in the third before going on an 8-2 run to close out the match, capped by junior Emmy Robinson's block.

"I think we came out the more confident team," Iacobelli said. "We'd already beaten them three times. We knew their game plan, because we played them so many times, and we came out and we executed our game plan perfectly and we knew what we had to do to win.

'We knew we had to defend their outsides. shut them down. And we knew we had to get them out of system by serving well and we had to pass well and we did all those things from the start."

Twin sister Paulina Iacobelli contributed six kills, while junior middle blocker Emmy Robinson came up with five blocks. Sophomore setter Erin O'Leary finished with 25 assist-to-kills and 10 digs.

Preparation proved to be key to Novi's success in the fourth encounter.

"You never know you're going to see at the (district) tournament,' Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "You assume maybe you're going to play (Northville), but we really examined the game film and we really able execute the game plan defend their outsides. They're an outsidedriven team and I thought we did a really good job.'

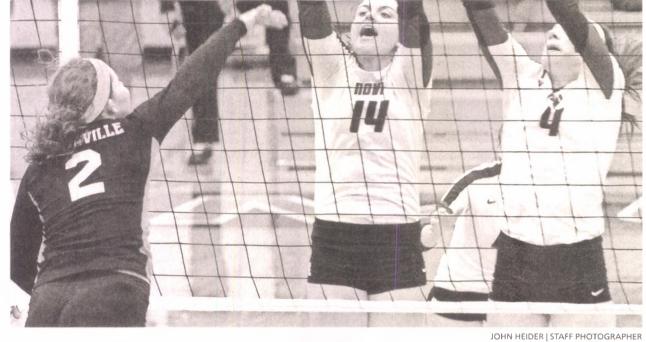
Defensively, sopho-more libero Claire Pinkerton led the way with a team-high 19 digs.

"I thought my libero defended them really well and didn't give their outsides any easy points," Cottrill said of Pinkerton. "If you watched them play last night against Plymouth, their outsides are 80 percent of their offense. And I thought we served really tough, got them out of their systems so they couldn't run their middles, either.'

Northville, meanwhile, ended a fine season at 37-12-2, but couldn't come up with the upset against last year's state runner-up.

"They matched up amazing to our power hitters and it didn't mat-





Northville's Katie O'Malley (left) goes on the attack against Novi blockers Erin O'Leary (middle) and Emmy Robinson (right) in the Class A district final.

ter what changes we made," Northville firstyear coach Rebecca Quinn said.

"They were strong on the net, so we couldn't get powered in. Last time, they tipped a lot. We took that away, but then our blocking wasn't as strong as it has been, so we took their tip away and they went to their power. They were the team that made the less errors. They are very, very disciplined.'

Junior Emily Martin paced Northville with eight kills, two blocks and nine digs, while freshman setter Hannah Grant had nine assists.

But the Mustangs had no answers for Novi's potent hitting attack, led by Victoria Iacobelli.

"We were able to shut her down (in previous matches), but she was pretty much flawless tonight," Quinn said. "I think she made

maybe only one error. She must have hit .600 or .700. She was pretty phenomenal.³

The district final marked the final appearances by three Northville seniors — Katie O'Malley (four kills), Emily Watkins (two kills) and Allison Lang (11 attack receives).

"They had a lot of

heart," Quinn said of her squad. "They stayed in it all the way to the end. They didn't give up. I wish we could have taken at least one (set) from them (Novi), but I think it's motivation for next year. We were pretty young. We only had three seniors and we have a pretty big junior class. They're pretty motivated for next year."

Novi sweeps Rocks

In a Nov. 4 district semifinal, O'Leary racked up 31 assists, 18 digs and six kills as Novi defeated Salem in three sets

Victoria Iacobelli

added 14 kills and 12 digs, while Ally Cummings contributed 12 digs and three aces.

Mustangs prevail

In the other district semifinal Nov. 4, Martin racked up 20 kills, 11 digs and three blocks as the host Mustangs defeated Plymouth in four sets, 25-18, 25-11, 18-25, 25-16.

O'Malley chipped in 12 kills and nine digs, while setters Rachel Holmes and Grant each collected 17 assists. Bryce Quick added three blocks.

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ALL-AREA GIRLS GOLF Priscilla latest Harding sister named Player of Year

South Lyon senior standout succeeds older sister Caroline as top performer on links

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Priscilla Harding built quite a golf resume during her high school career.

The South Lyon senior, the middle sibling of the Lions' talented Harding sisters, has assumed the mantle from her older sister Caroline, who was named the 2014 All-Area Player of the Year.

"Priscilla is one of our captains and is one of the hardest working and most dedicated players I have ever coached, South Lyon coach Dan Skatzka said.

Priscilla, who averaged an area-best 77.64 per 18 holes and 39.5 per nine, finished tied for sixth in this year's MHSAA Division 2 state finals as the Lions finished third overall in the team standings

As a junior, she also earned a top 10 finish as South Lyon took state runner-up honors. As a sophomore, South Lyon finished fourth as a team, while Harding was named honorable mention all-state.

This season, Harding also captured first at both the Tecumseh and Farmington invitationals, while also shooting 75 to win the Kensington Conference pre-tourney.

Harding, headed to Michigan State to join her older sister, was runner-up at the Lapeer Summer Tune-Up. She also tied her younger sister Elizabeth for second-place honors at the regional with 81.

She also made the all-Oakland County fivemember Dream Team after shooting 75 at Pontiac Country Club to finish tied for seventh in **Division I.**

First team

Alexa Hatz, Novi: The senior, who recorded nine top 10 finishes, averaged a school record 80.83 for 18 holes and 39.29 per nine, while earning medalist honors five times.

Hatz tied for seventh at the Division 1 state finals and was the one of the opening-round leaders with 77 before going on to shoot a two-day total of 164. At the regional, she took runnerup honors with a schoolrecord 73 and also tied for seventh at the Oakland County Division I tourney with 78.

"Alexa has shown great leadership in her captain position and has inspired many of her teammates to work hard and grow as golfers, Novi interim coach Deb Harris said.

Elizabeth Harding, South Lyon: The sophomore finished eighth in the Division 2 state finals with an 83-82-165 score after placing second at the regional with 81.

Harding, who averaged 80.5 per 18 holes and 40.37 per nine, also tied for third at the Lapeer Summer Tune-Up and was sixth at the Farmington Invitational. She was also honorable mention all-Oakland County and earned honorable mention all-state honors as a freshman.

Abby Livingston, Novi: The sophomore averaged 85 per 18 and 40.67 per nine while earning six top 10 tournament finishes, including seventh at the regional. At the state finals, she shot one of the secondday low rounds with 79.

Livingston also took



South Lyon senior Priscilla Harding was named girls golf All-Area Player of the Year.

fourth at the M&M Invitational with 80.

'Abby is a great player that is just beginning to show what she can do," Harris said. "She has been all-conference for two years straight and been part of a team scoring record for 18 holes."

Julia Stevenson, Milford: The senior, who averaged 83.4 per 18 and 44 per nine, was an Division 1 individual state qualifier after placing fourth overall at the regional with 78. At the state finals, she was 35th overall with a 92-85-177 total.

Stevenson, who is considering Oakland University and Saginaw Valley State, also shot 78 to finish seventh at the **KLAA Lakes Conference** pre-tourney.

"She's a very good athlete. She played basketball and softball, but is focusing on golf now,' Milford coach Hugh Felt said. "She didn't start golf until she got to high school. That says what an athlete she is. She's a four-year varsity player and she's improved every year. This is the first year she broke 80 in tournaments. I think somebody will be happy to take a chance on her at the next level."

Maya Grandstaff,

Novi: The senior averaged 87.17 per 18 and 44.17 per nine, earning medalist honors three times and one top 10 finish with her consistent play.

"Maya has been a great leader for for the team, encouraging others to be better players and better people," Harris said of the academic all-state selection. "She has been a counting score for us in just about every tournament and match she played in."

Alyse Clevenger, Northville: The senior, a three-year varsity player, averaged 89 per 19 (with two top 10 finishes) and 42 per nine (earning medalist honors once).

Clevenger, who won the Coaches Award, also took sixth in the Seaholm Invitational and KLAA Association Tournament.

"Alyse has been a fixture in our lineup since her sophomore year," Northville outgoing coach Jeff Balagna said. "This year, she really stepped up and was one of our leaders. She played No. 2 for all season and her score counted every single time she played. She leaves Northville as a two-time state finals

ALL-AREA GIRLS GOLF

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Priscilla Harding, Sr., South Lyon

FIRST TEAM

Alexa Hatz, Jr., Novi Elizabeth Harding, Soph., South Lyon Abby Livingston, Soph., Novi Julia Stevenson, Sr., Milford Maya Grandstaff, Sr., Novi Alyse Clevenger, Sr., Northville

SECOND TEAM

Lucy Dinsmore, Sr., South Lyon Jen Kowalczyk, Sr., Northville Kiersten Van Norden, Soph., S. Lyon East Erika Dudley, Sr., Lakeland Sophie Yergin, Soph., South Lyon Allison Zwarka, Sr., Northville

HONORABLE MENTION

Novi: Lauren Henry, Jr.; Reika Fujwara, Soph.; Northville: Gabby Jaszczur, Jr.: Paige Rosinski, Jr.: South Lyon: Mya Price, Jr.; South Lyon East: Natalie Aulicino, Soph.; Emily O'Brien, Soph.; Lakeland: Madeline Brooks, Sr.; Milford: Jessica Niemiec, Jr.

qualifier."

Second team

Lucy Dinsmore, South Lyon: The senior captain averaged 88.55 per 18 and 43.62 per nine. Her best finishes came at the regional (fourth) and the Tecumseh Invitational (sixth). She was 34th overall in the state finals (89-91-180).

Jen Kowalczyk, Northville: The senior, a

three-year varsity player, averaged 90 per 18 holes (with one top 10 finish) and 42 for nine (medalist once). Kowalczyk also placed seventh at the regional with 80.

Kiersten Van Norden, South Lyon East: The sophomore averaged 90.76 per 18 and 45.38 per nine while earning medalist honors three times. She also took fourth with 77 at the Oakland County Division II tourney and was fifth at the regional. She was tied for 15th overall at the Division 2 state finals with 85-86-171.

Erika Dudley, Lakeland: The senior averaged 93 per 18 holes and 46 per nine, going undefeated in KLAA North Division dual match play and taking medalist honors four times. The team MVP also was 11th at the **Oakland County Division** II tourney with 84 and placed 16th in the Lakes Conference tournament.

Sophie Yergin, South Lyon: The sophomore averaged 93.5 per 18 and 46.37 per nine, while taking 34th on the second day of the state finals after placing 16th at the regional. Yergin also finished seventh at the Tecumseh Invitational.

Allison Zwarka, Northville: The senior, who averaged 91 per 18 holes and 46 per nine, made her score count in every event this season, highlighted by a pair of top 10 finishes, including the regional (80) and the Highest Honors Invitational (80). Zwarka made two state finals appearances with the Mustangs.

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Manor of Novi administrator honored for work

The Manor of Novi, a Ciena Healthcare skilled nursing center, announced that this year's National Association of **Directors of Nursing Administration's** Nurse Administrator of the Year for southern Michigan has been awarded to Suzan Kimberly Brown, the center's director of nursing. She accepted her award Oct. 21 at this year's annual Michigan NADONA Convention at MotorCity Casino Hotel.

"I am overwhelmed with joy and pride to receive this distinguished award, as well as to represent staff that have the same philosophy of caring,' Brown saied. "When I started with Ciena Healthcare, I was not looking for a job, but somewhere I could make a difference. I found that here at the Manor of Novi."

Brown, a resident of Detroit, said she always had a passion for the longterm care industry and taking care of others. As a director of nursing, she oversees and supervises the Manor of Novi nursing staff. Throughout the years, she has mentored numerous staff to become registered nurses.

Kristine Halsey, chief operating officer of Ciena Healthcare, and Lisa Berthold, administrator of Manor of Novi, nominated Brown as the Nursing Administrator of the Year. Both have worked with Brown for years and watched her passion and talents for



Suzan "Kim" Brown is director of nursing.

nursing inspire many people.

"Kim demonstrates extraordinary commitment to nursing and to longterm care," Halsey said. "Her most important contribution to our industry is her leadership. Kim's staff provides quality care in a compassionate manner with the goal of keeping our residents happy.'

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Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit www.advantageoakland.com/businessworkshops or call 248-858-0783.

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Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m.: Entrepreneurs who want to start a business but do not know where to begin can receive confidential, one-on-one advice from an experienced business counselor with no appointment necessary. Counselors will provide direct answers to startup ques-

guidance on business planning tools. Sessions will be limited to 15 minutes and available on a first come, first served basis. No fee.

Create Your Marketing Plan

Thursday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. to noon. The Oakland County One Stop Shop Business Center is offering Create Your Marketing Plan (Finally, a Mar-keting Plan You Can Use), a three-hour class tailor-made for the unique needs of a small business. We will help you whip your marketing program into shape so you can reach your goals re-gardless of your budget or team size. You will come away with a marketing budget, calendar and tools designed to help grow your business. The Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion workshop is a pre-requisite for this class. Free. Speaker: Catherine Abad, Senior Business Consultant with the

Have a holiday shopping plan and then stick to it

don't know about you, but I have started to receive all sorts of emails about the upcoming holiday shopping season. It seems every year, retailers are starting their holiday push sooner. In fact, many stores — such as Meijer — are already sending out their Black Friday ads. Unfortunate-

ly, the holiday season has become a time where people are under more and more pressure to buy, buy and buy some more. In fact, according to recent reports, a substantial number of Americans have just finished paying for their holiday gifts from last year and now the pressure ramps up to spend this holiday season.

We all know that deep inside the holidays are not about buying gifts, but a time to appreciate family and friends. That being said, we have to accept the reality of the world and that is that during this time of year, there is an inordinate amount of pressure to buy gifts for everyone. Anyone who truly cares about you does not want you to overspend for the holiday season. Before you start your holiday shopping, there are some things you should do.

The first thing that you should do is set a budget for yourself. You need to know how much



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you can spend without going into debt. You need to set a budget for yourself and stick to it. If you say you're going to spend \$1,000, keep to it. It is important to remember you don't have to buy gifts for everyone. As part of your budget, you ought to write a list of who you need to buy gifts for. Just because you know someone doesn't mean that you have to buy them a gift.

One of the realities of holiday shopping is people use their charge cards and, unfortunately, end up paying a sub-stantial amount in interest. If you are going to finance to purchase a gift, you need to make sure you're using the right charge cards. Not all your charge cards charge the same interest rate or compute it the same way. Some charge

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO THE NOVI COMMUNITY AND INTERESTED CITIZENS

cards will have a grace

Notice is hereby given that the City of Novi City Council will meet at the Novi City Civic Center located at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2015 to conduct a Public Hearing to hear comments on the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste: Refuse, Recyclables & Yard Waste and Other Services proposed Request for Proposals. The proposed Request for Proposals document is on file with the City Clerk or on the City website <u>www.cityofnovi.org</u> and may be reviewed in advance of the meeting. Any person may appear and be heard at said Public Hearing.

Comments will also be received in writing to the City Offices, Attn: Victor Cardenas, Asst. City Manager, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, or vcardenas@citvofnovi.org Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance. Contact City Clerk, Maryanne Cornelius at 248-347-0456 for special services

period, others will not. Before you begin your shopping, if you are using a charge card, it is important that you use the right charge card.

Also, your safety is important. If you're shopping online, you need to make sure that you're dealing with a reputable company. Remember, when you're buying something online, you are providing that company with all sorts of information. Before you buy anything online, make sure you do your homework.

In addition, don't forget about your personal safety when you head out to the malls. Pick pockets and thieves are out in numbers during the holiday season because they know that people tend to put their guards down. If anything, you need to increase your awareness during the holiday season because the crooks are out in force.

As you begin your holiday shopping, remember the holidays should be a time of happiness and to celebrate family and friends. It should not be a time of financial stress. Good luck!

Masco breaks ground for new headquarters at Schoolcraft campus

David Veselenak Staff Writer

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, along with representatives from Schoolcraft College, helped break ground recently on the Schoolcraft College campus for the new Masco Corp. world headquarters, which is moving from Taylor.Kirksey welcomed the company to Livonia and said it will make an excellent member of the business community in town.

"The reason I'm here today is to welcome the people from Masco Corporation to our community," he said.

The new 75,000square-foot facility, which will house the employees currently at the company's Taylor facility, is expected to open by the end of 2016 on the school's campus near I-275. The move was announced in July and the Livonia City Council approved the plan for the new structure earlier this summer.

Representatives from Masco Corp. said they look forward to being closer to the college, which provides a place to develop ideas and perhaps a good place to stop in for lunch once in a while.

"To our partners at Schoolcraft: thank you for the warm welcome and the assistance you have provided for us,' said Keith Allman, president and CEO of Masco Corp. "Our employees are already looking forward to being a part of this energetic learning



Masco, Schoolcraft College and Livonia officials toss the ceremonial shovel of earth.

community that's alive with technology, educational innovation and personal enrichment.

"And our employees are certainly looking forward to the food from the culinary students.'

About 200 employees are expected to relocate to the new building once complete.

Livonia-based Schostak Brothers is involved in the building process for the new structure for Masco, a company that makes brand-name faucets and other building products.

Richard Manoogian, chairman emeritus of the company, shared some of the company's history, which dates back to 1929. He talked about the work his father did to set the company up for success and the path Masco has taken since

"My father took the company public in 1926 when he sold \$200,000 worth of stock on the **Detroit Stock Exchange** to raise enough money to build a new factory," he said. "When I came to the company (in 1958), we were doing millions in sales — \$2 million in faucets and \$2 million in the original auto parts business.

Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, said the school is excited to have the company on campus in its new building and the connections that will bring to the school.

We look forward to the relationship we are developing here today for many years to come," he said.

With Livonia, Allman said the company already feels at home in the city, even without their building constructed.

"We're already in love with the small-town feel of the city and it's bigcity conveniences," he said.

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SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Novi Community Schools' Bid Package #5, consisting of

District-Wide Remodeling Projects 1)

Re-bid of Novi High School Bid Division 109: Roofing/Sheet Metal and Bid 2) Division 134: Stage Equipment will be received until 11:00 A.M. Local time on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building located at:

> 25345 Taft Road Novi, MI 48374

ATTN: Mr. Steve Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations

Bids received after this time and date will not be considered or accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

103: Selective Demolition 106: Masonry 108: Carpentry / General Trades

109B: Roofing/Sheet Metal - Bid Package #5 Work 115: Metal Studs / Drywall / EIFS 118: Carpet / Resilient Flooring 121: Visual Display Boards 134: Stage Equipment - Novi High School Re-bid 140: Plumbing 143: Electrical

105: Concrete 107: Steel 109: Roofing / Sheet Metal Novi High School Re-Bid
 114: Aluminum Entrances / Storefront / Glass & Glazing 117: Acoustical Treatments 120: Painting 130: Window Treatments 137: Food Service Equipment 142: HVAC

158: Playground Equipment - Early Childhood Center

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room; Construction Association of Michigan (CAM); Reed Construction Data; and Builders Exchange Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 via the following

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of ½ size bidding documents at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com. free of charge, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith at (248) 427-8400.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building, located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374. The meeting will be held in the Board of Education Meeting Room. The meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended. Attendees desiring to visit the site will have the opportunity to do so after the meeting.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit. The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Novi Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price

Novi Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

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Commercial real estate pros lauded

The Building Owners and Managers Association/Metro Detroit (BOMA/Metro Detroit) named its 2015 Excep tional Leaders in commercial real estate. The recipients were honored at The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Program on Friday afternoon, Nov. 6, at the Motor City Casino Sound Board in Detroit.

The Leadership Awards recognize the contributions of industry professionals who have made a difference through outstanding business values, education, engagement, cultural innovation and customer experience in the



Patterson Borg

local commercial real estate industry. Named to receive this year's exceptional leadership awards are:

» Michael Patterson, RPA, FMA of CBRElFord Land, Property Manager of the Year;

» Brilar, LLC, Service Provider of the Year;

» Sandy Borg of ISC Services, Supplier Member of the Year;

» Bedrock Real Estate Services, Corporate Member of the Year

"We are privileged to recognize and celebrate the collective and individual efforts of these remarkable leaders. It is the generosity of their time and talent that strengthens the BOMA organization, our industry and the communities that we serve," said Brian Salliotte, RPA of Dietz Property Group, president of BOMA/Metro Detroit.

For more information on the 2015 Leadership Awards, contact Emily Keranen or

visit www.bomadet.org. Founded in 1908, BOMA/

Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry.

BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employ-ees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan. Michigan members annual expenditures contribute \$3.2 billion to the state's economy.

Pricey area of California a consideration in purchase

Q: I am wondering what the real estate market in Coronado, Calif., would be compared to San Diego?

A: Coronado is not an island, although it looks like it, but it reminds me of Balboa Ísland in Newport Beach, Calif., because the homes are quaint and with the exception of a few high rises, most are single family residences. However, as you might expect, the real estate is

very expensive, even relative to San Diego and prices are increasing, particularly because of the climate and the beautiful beaches that



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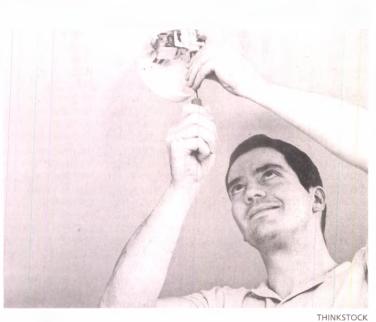
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Carbon monoxide dangers rise in winter

With winter approaching, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is reminding everyone to be safe from the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning during the cold weather and heating season. To bring awareness to the issue, Gov. Rick Snyder proclaimed the week of Oct. 19-24 as Carbon Monoxide Safety and Awareness Week in Michigan.

"Carbon monoxide is difficult to detect, however, carbon monoxide poisoning is completely preventable. Now is the time to ensure that furnaces and water heaters are working properly, and that carbon monoxide detectors are installed and have fresh batteries," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive at the MDHHS. "If you suspect you have been exposed to carbon monoxide, leave the area immediately and seek medical attention.

Michigan's carbon monoxide poisoning tracking system



Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness and confusion.

found 34 unintentional deaths and 789 nonfatal unintentional carbon monoxide poisonings

in Michigan in 2013, the most recent year of complete data. Faulty furnaces and water

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\$98,000

\$521.000

\$462,000 \$370,000

\$170,000

\$389,000 \$420,000

\$105.000

\$250,000 \$575,000 \$120,000

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 22-26, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

\$380,000

BEVERLY HILLS 31678 E Bell Vine Trl 16997 Georgina St 17380 Kinross Ave

2880 Middlebury Ln 2449 Mulberry Sq # 31 4026 Nearbrook Rd 4074 Overlea Ln 4718 Pickering Rd 1706 S Hill Blvd 1744 Saint Johns Ct 6111 Thomcrest Dr 801 W Long Lake Rd # F5 2571 Warwick Dr 2832 Woodcreek Way 2478 Woodcreek Way COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

26424 Springfield Dr 23070 Tulane Ave 36217 W 13 Mile Rd 25386 Witherspoon St FRANKLIN 30585 Birchway Dr HIGHLAND 1491 Blue Heron Dr 589 Dornoch Ct 615 Dunleavy Dr 3310 E Clarice Ave 1487 Malibu Ct 4450 N Duck Lake Rd 3340 N Hickory Ridge

\$124,000 \$270,000 \$355,000 \$207,000 \$321,000 52688 Aspen Dr 229 Columbia Dr 1190 Fountain View Cir 61127 Greenwood Dr \$334,000 \$59,000 \$297,000 \$209,000 \$175,000

heaters were the most common cause of the poisonings.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas that kills more than 500 Americans each year. It is produced by all fuel-burning devices. The warning signs of carbon monoxide poisoning include flu-like symptoms such as headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness and confusion.

Never use generators, grills, camp stoves or other fuel-burning devices inside your home, basement or garage. If you use a generator, be sure it is located outside at least 25 feet away from your home. Park your car outside while it is warming, never in the garage. Running a car in an enclosed garage can create deadly levels of carbon monoxide in minutes.

For more information about carbon monoxide poisoning and poisoning prevention, visit www.michigan.gov/ carbonmonoxide.

156 Pickford St

22501 Porter St 25698 Shoreline Dr

24680 Thatcher Dr 49672 Timber Trl

SOUTH LYON

39718 Village Wood Cir 46790 W 11 Mile Rd

\$143,000 \$450,000 \$850,000 \$460,000 \$435,000 \$85,000 \$425,000 \$568,000 \$295,000 \$145,000 \$73,000 \$380,000 \$435,000 \$202,000

\$138,000 \$345,000

\$292,000 \$298,000

\$292,000 \$295,000

\$158,000

\$17,000 \$71,000 \$142,000

\$130,000

\$156,000 \$190,000

\$45,000

\$115,000 \$35,000

\$117,000

\$29,000

\$425,000

\$165,000 \$185,000 \$109,000

\$100,000 \$196,000 \$159,000 \$345,000 \$177,000 \$193,000

\$92,000

\$95,000

\$93,000

\$120,000 \$121,000

\$45,000

\$82,000

\$53,000 \$58,000

\$47,000

\$55,000

\$70,000

\$20,000

\$140,000

\$108,000

\$102,000

\$185,000

\$116,000 \$58,000

\$200,000

\$243,000

\$115,000 \$90,000

\$125,000

\$57,000 \$125,000 \$83,000

\$91,000

\$95,000 \$84,000

\$80,000

\$80,000

\$79,000 \$39,000

\$105,000

\$225,000

\$44,000 \$250,000 \$92,000

\$124,000 \$105,000 \$144,000

\$99,000

\$124,000 \$90,000 \$110,000

\$103,000

\$80,000 \$82,000

\$173,000

\$65,000

surround Coronado, including the warm water. You are best advised to take advantage of the prices, which are now available given the increasing nature of the market in terms of cost and limited availability.

Q: Our community association attorney's law firm just merged with another law firm and I don't know whether to be happy or sad about it. What are normally the circumstances for a merger between law firms?

A: There are a number of reasons why law firms can merge. Generally speaking, the merger of a law firm means that one law firm wants the expertise of the other law firm in a particular area of the law different from what they have. Of course, the merger may be because certain key members of the law firm have left or the law firms themselves are in financial trouble or are not keeping or serving clients the way they should and want to bring in the resources of another law firm to buoy up their client base. While there are certain benefits to a merger, there are obviously consolidation issues with any merger of any business and you may or may not get the same type of service or be serviced by the same attorney with the new merger. You should look carefully into who will be representing you, what changes, if any, have been made in billing, costs and attentiveness to your needs, and whether or not looking for another law firm is advisable. For example, mediocrity, merged with mediocrity, still equals mediocrity.

31678 E Bell Vine In	\$380,000	42478 Woodward Ave # D2	\$120,000	1487 Malibu Ct	\$209,000	61127 Greenwood Dr
16997 Georgina St	\$296,000	COMMERCE TOWNSHIP		4450 N Duck Lake Rd	\$175,000	57586 Hidden Timbers Dr
17380 Kinross Ave	\$205,000	3216 Belle Terre	\$310,000	3340 N Hickory Ridge Rd	\$190,000	57232 Meadowcreek Cir S
31855 Nixon St	\$310,000	9496 Chaumont Dr	\$228,000	395 Prestwick Trl	\$345,000	701 Norchester St
32657 Old Post Rd	\$460,000	3525 Clark Cir	\$379,000	1609 Ridge Rd	\$421,000	397 Princeton Dr
31338 W Chelton Dr	\$425,000	8117 Eldora Blvd	\$200,000	LATHRUP VILLAGE		22200 Quail Run Cir Unit 3
BIRMINGHAM		8387 Golf Lane Dr	\$175,000	19011 Alhambra Ct	\$210,000	60633 S Lyon Trl
1895 Bradford Rd	\$183,000	5350 Inverrary Ln	\$530,000	MILFORD		23672 Stoneleigh Dr
1155 Derby Rd	\$116,000	4865 Ledgewood Dr	\$325,000	923 Annie Lang Dr	\$115,000	868 Timber Trail Ct
953 E 14 Mile Rd	\$203,000	8107 Locklin Ln	\$615,000	1570 Boulder Lake Dr	\$555,000	24846 Valleywood Dr
1793 Haynes St # 95	\$360,000	3254 Newton Rd	\$150,000	3088 Exeter Dr	\$475,000	24879 Valleywood Dr
962 Humphrey Ave	\$510,000	850 Sherbrooke St	\$196,000	291 Napa Valley Dr	\$329,000	795 Westhills Dr
1135 Lakeside Dr	\$524,000	3872 Sleeth Rd	\$380,000	1187 Pleasure St	\$129,000	SOUTHFIELD
1196 Lakeside Dr	\$1,325,000	2305 Verna Ln	\$258,000	1549 S Creek Dr	\$230,000	21579 Constitution St
533 N Eton St	\$122,000	1907 Wood Parke Ln	\$383,000	1865 S Milford Rd	\$250,000	21804 Eight And Half Mile Rd
612 N Glenhurst Dr	\$590,000	FARMINGTON	\$505,000	317 Stone Wood Ct	\$383,000	24243 Evergreen Rd
557 N Old Woodward Ave	\$276,000	32807 Annewood St	\$181,000	203 W Washington St	\$195,000	30146 Fairfax St
1209 S Eton St	\$220,000	36569 Heatherton Dr	\$252,000	1041 Winding Way Ct	\$413,000	17010 George Washington Dr
1689 S Eton St	\$255,000	31964 Lamar Dr	\$172,000	NORTHVILLE	3413,000	27450 Marshall St
1748 Shipman Blvd	\$930,000	23324 Liberty St	\$165,000	105 Baseline Rd	\$520,000	30455 Old Stream Ct
1787 Southfield Rd	\$156,000	20964 Meadowlark St	\$178,000	780 Carpenter St	\$218,000	30264 Southfield Rd # A255
346 W Brown St	\$1,407,000	FARMINGTON HILLS	\$170,000	49206 Chianti Dr	\$325,000	5000 Town Ctr # 1308
1352 Webster St	\$538,000	27300 Arden Park Cir	\$205,000	38723 Harvard Ct	\$324,000	23410 W 12 Mile Rd
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		25838 Branchaster Rd	\$240,000	1016 Shannon Ct	\$480.000	26924 W 12 Mile Rd
2570 Aspen Ln	\$273.000	33520 Edmonton St	\$99,000	21648 Welch Rd	\$311,000	19840 W 12 Mile Rd # 37
621 Ridge Rd	\$372,000	22893 Fox Crk	\$328,000	NOVI	3011,000	25063 Woodvale Dr N\$87.000
6811 Cedarbrook Dr	\$248,000	35810 Fredericksburg Rd	\$275,000	24349 Bashian Dr	\$136,000	WHITE LAKE
1134 Meadowglen Ct	\$350,000	29423 Glen Oaks Blvd E	\$125,000	42026 Cherry Hill Rd	\$190,000	9927 Burgess Ct
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		28660 Grayfield Dr	\$153,000	22714 Cheshire Ct	\$400,000	325 Decca Dr
3690 Berkshire Dr	\$300,000	30055 Kimberly Ct	\$268,000	2290 Crown Dr	\$270,000	512 E Oxhill Dr
6600 Castle Dr	\$560,000	25061 Lyncastle St	\$240,000	44796 Ford Way Dr	\$335,000	875 Farnsworth Rd
4058 Cranbrook Ct	\$535,000	24498 Martel Dr	\$222,000	22467 Havergale St	\$398,000	10815 Hillway St
3731 Darlington Rd N	\$455,000	35003 Meadow Ln	\$164,000	40736 Kingsley Ln	\$377,000	8492 Huron River Dr
1946 Dell Rose Dr	\$525,000	29500 Moran St	\$320.000	25816 Lochmoor Ln	\$420,000	81 Oak Pl
500 Fox Hills Dr N # A-1	\$53,000	31474 Orchard Crk	\$105,000	44639 Midway Dr	\$360,000	592 Red Bank Dr
657 Half Moon Rd	\$775,000	30414 Orchard Lake Rd Unit 14	\$95,000	23522 N Rockledge	\$135,000	900 Roman Dr
3034 High Pointe Ct	\$455,000	34016 Rhonswood St			\$116,000	
1974 Klingensmith Rd Unit 2	\$117,000		\$140,000	23603 N Rockledge		8600 Sandycrest Dr
1120 Meadowglen Ct	\$330,000	21980 River Pines Dr	\$190,000	42559 Park Ridge Rd	\$244,000	
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 13-17, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

\$370,000 \$154,000 \$290,000

\$193,000 \$230,000

\$86,000

\$243,000

\$410,000 \$218,000

\$140,000 \$229,000 \$115,000

\$178,000

\$215,000

\$185,000 \$238,000

\$240.000

\$221,000 \$195,000

\$320,000 \$160,000

\$165,000

\$293,000

\$296,000 \$186,000

\$315,000

\$226,000 \$84,000 \$146,000

\$143,000 \$240,000

\$211,000

\$562,000

\$203,000 \$16,000

\$245,000

\$236,000 \$316,000

\$240,000

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CANTON 774 Adams St 8473 Alton St 3621 Aspen Ln 1451 Bayberry Park Cir 1656 Bayberry Park Cir 41712 Bedford Dr 6835 Bostonhill Ln 7340 Briargate Dr 764 Burlington Rd 39669 Cather St 40280 Chatsworth Ct 42759 Cherry Hill Rd 39882 Cheviot Rd 46839 Creeks Bnd 41500 Cumberland Dr 45144 Danbury Rd 47243 Fairlawn Ct 44973 Forest Trail Dr 39713 Fox Valley Dr 4680 Hunters Cir W 7222 Irongate Rd 50515 Jefferson St 7809 Kaiser St 2341 Knollwood Dr 2285 Lexington Cir S 4137 Lonebridge Cir 41240 Maplewood Dr 45111 Middlebury Ct 42297 Oakland Dr 42374 Old Bridge Rd 1725 Orchard Dr 47651 Ormskirk Dr 47656 Pembroke D 47672 Pembroke Dr 4269 Pond Run 393 Roseland Dr 48283 Roundstone Ct 5926 Runnymeade Di 42185 Saratoga Cir 4282 Sherwood Cir 51139 Sleepy Hollow Ln 3115 Tall Oak Ln 43168 Thames Ct 1619 Thistle Ct

1895 Vanderbilt Rd 1052 Wildwood Ln 1541 Willard Dr GARDEN CITY 31748 Alvin St 30941 Balmoral St 28446 Beechwood St 623 Deering St 5955 Deering St 28960 Elmwood Elmwood St 1611 Gilman St 6030 Gilman St 6858 Gilman St 33560 Pardo St 31951 Sheridan St LIVONIA 36826 Angeline Cir 19634 Ashley Ct 18424 Brentwood St 33844 Carl Dr 33473 Curtis Rd 34772 Fargo St 9818 Farmington Rd 11870 Farmington Rd 14074 Farmington Rd 19467 Fitzgerald St 18878 Flamingo Blvd 30445 Grandon St 11261 Haller St 8937 Harvey St 29019 Hathaway St 36455 Hees St 9750 Henry Ruff Rd 14673 Huff St 32925 Illinois St 35967 Jamison St 14165 Knolson St 17125 Laurel Dr 9623 Loveland St 31026 Mason St 19710 Merriman R 31462 Merriwood Park Dr 31242 Minton St 37608 N Laurel Park Dr 37556 Newburgh Park Cir 16214 Nola Dr 37764 Northfield Ave 981 Norwich Rd 19044 Norwich Rd 32611 Ohio St 8824 Orangelawn St 14466 Parklane St 27621 Pembroke St

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Volunteering can pay off in your job hunt

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t's no secret that volunteering for a cause you're passionate about can be an enriching, rewarding and lifechanging experience. Yet the benefits of volunteering can spread beyond your personal life to your professional life. Volunteering can help build your resume, and it can be the boost you need to secure a job. In fact, according to research from the Corporation for National and Community Service, volunteers are 27 percent more likely than non-volunteers to find a job after being out of work.

Here's just how beneficial volunteering can be during a job search.

Break out of a job-search rut.

Job searching is hard, and when you continue to hit dead ends, it can be easy to lose confidence and motivation. Sometimes, you need to switch up your routine to get back on track and put your search into perspective.

"The best way to avoid job-search burnout is to feel useful and productive by volunteering and/or working on a cause you believe in," says Lynn Berger, a career counselor and coach based in New York. "One needs to find a way to gain perspective about their current situation."

Show off your soft skills.

Employers like to see candidates who are well-rounded and who not only have the right experience but also possess soft skills such as teamwork and leadership. "Volunteering gives back to the community, which in turn



makes the candidate more of a team player, good role model and, eventually, a good manager," says Neil Bondre, founder of the Interview Professional, which mentors students through the interview and hiring process. "Regardless of where they are volunteering — Red Cross or Habitat for Humanity or any other organization — candidates are taking time out of their busy schedule to help others in need, which is an excellent quality to have in an employee. Companies want people who support others and work well with a team and work well in stressful situations or can be creative if a situation needs them to be."

Build new skills.

If you are considering a career shift, volunteering can be a good way to gain experience in your desired occupation. "Volunteer work can often provide a place for people to showcase skills that they may have not been able to use in previous jobs," says Lori Trahan, associate director of Kennesaw State University's Career Services Center in Kennesaw, Ga. "Small nonprofits in particular are always willing to have volunteers create marketing materials, manage websites, plan events, lead people, etc. — all skills that could be useful in a job. Employers aren't interested in whether you've been paid to do something; they just want to see evidence you have done that particular skill successfully."

Fill resume gaps.

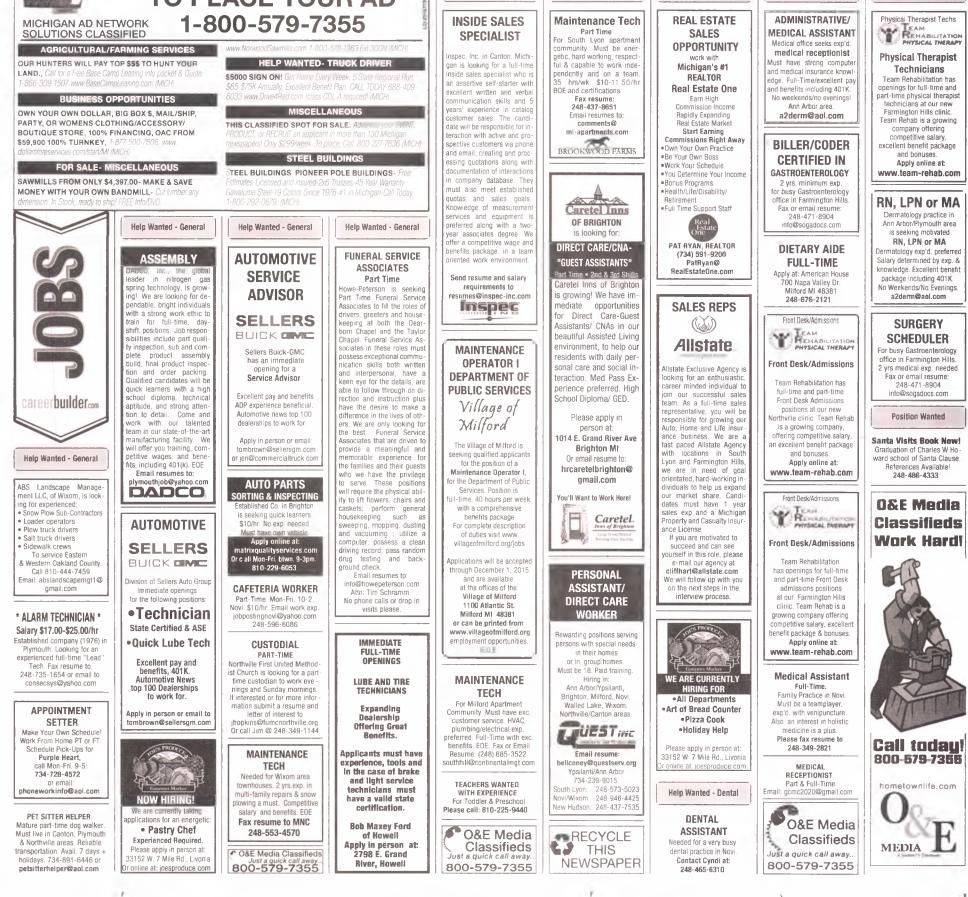
"Volunteer work can help address gaps in work history," Trahan says. "Showing that you've continued to be active within the community while searching for work provides evidence to employers that you are not just sitting around waiting for an opportunity. Instead, you are actively seeking opportunities to stay busy."

Network with industry peers.

If you already know what field you want to pursue, seek out volunteer opportunities at professional associations affiliated with that line of work. That allows you to gain experience while expanding your network. "Most fields have professional organizations," Berger says. "Start with volunteering on committees and let people see your work style, etc. One wants to network with those who share your professional and business interests. A good resource to consult is the Encyclopedia of Associations (to find) some organizations in your area of interest."

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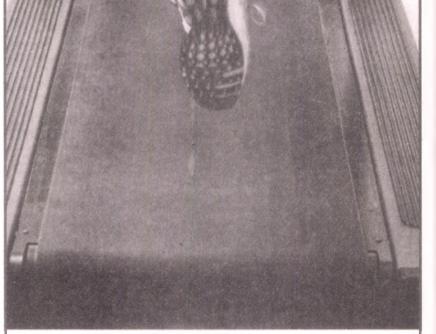
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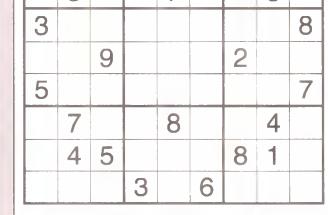
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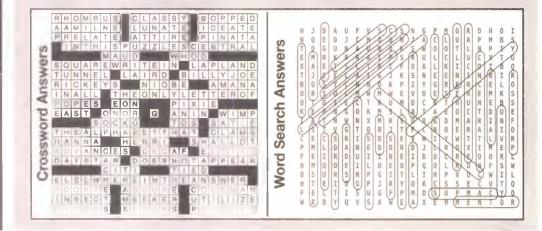
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Car Report

With All-New Tucson CUV, Hyundai Gets It Right – and Sales Show It



Hyundai has been creating a lot of excitement lately with its announcement that the company plans to launch a separate new luxury brand called Genesis. After years

of trying to stretch the original

with new vehicles even up into

the near-luxury and premium

company finally has given into

its success in launching the new

segments of the U.S. market, the

economy-minded Hyundai brand

brand in their showrooms.

In the here and now, Hyundai is generating a different kind of excitement – around the sales performance of the 2016 model of its Tucscon mid-sized crossover. In a week of driving Tucson, I found it every bit as capable as its competitors in terms of the criteria that are most important to owners in: handling, performance, interior comfort and cargo capacity.

Long on cars over the last several years as lower gasoline prices tempted Americans to tack away from sedans and toward generally lower-mileage and larger SUVs, the company overhauled Tucson this year in time to participate in the continued utility-

Dynamic, clean lines characterize the all-new 2016 Hyundai Tucscon

marque, which initially will be made up of Hyundai's sporty Genesis sedan and its luxurious Equus full-size sedan, with new names.

But all of that begins with the 2017 model year, when existing Hyundai dealers will be able to begin showcasing the new luxury

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And the all-new Tucscon has come through with flying colors. Through October, Tucson sold more than 48,000 units in the U.S compared with fewer than 41,000 for its predecessor version a year earlier. And in October per se, Hyundai dealer sold nearly 7,300

vehicle surge in the U.S. market.

Tucsons, or more than double its total of nearly 3,200 units in October 2014.

"The strong demand for crossovers continued during this month with the all-new Tucscon more than doubling its sales compared to last October," said Derrick Hatami, vice president of national sales for Hyundai Motor America, in a release. "With our Tucson, Santa Fe and Santa Fe Sport models, Hyundai provides a very competitive CUV lineup that meets the needs of most customers."

Michael O'Brien, Hyundai's head of corporate and product planning, told me that "what's been great" about the new Tucson "is that it registers to customers as a large 'class-up' feeling, particularly in the interior of the car. It registers with them as being one class higher than its pricing in terms of interior refinement, [noise-vibration-handling] and fuel economy, and even in particular exterior dressing.

"It's a personal and expressive SUV with a standout character about it. Dealers are complaining they can't get enough; 'Send us more!' And I guarantee you the number one complaint when we meet [in November] with our dealer council will be, 'How can I get more Tucsons?""

Another evidence of strong consumer reception for Tucson, O'Brien said, is that not only numbers of sales of the new model but also transaction prices compared with the earliergeneration, 2015 version "are



An 8-inch screen is part of the premium feel of Tucscon's Limited edition holding up extremely well.¹ with all-wheel-drive too. If you

O'Brien confirmed that one of the most important characteristics of the new Tucscon is the fact that it is the first non-luxury crossover, he said, to offer a dual-clutch transmission of the sort that previously has been available only on more expensive vehicles. It's available on non-base versions.

"Frankly, we took a little gamble," he said. "It provides a little bit different taste and flavor from a conventional automatic transmission, and buyers really are enjoying it. And the big bonus is the fuel-economy gain you get from it."

To wit, the new Tucscon provides combined EPA-rated fuel economy of 26 mpg, including 23mpg in city driving and an impressive 31 mpg on the highway. That is up a few miles per gallon, O'Brien said, from the previous version.

"There are plenty of dual-clutch transmissions out there, but not

with all-wheel-drive too. If you think about the size of the vehicle, and it's all-wheel-drive, and you create engineering for the dualclutch on top of it – it was quite an achievement."

Among other significant attributes of the all-new 2016 Tucson is the overall sprightliness of its turbocharged 1.6-liter, fourcylinder engine that is available on versions other than the base SE and churns out 175 horsepower and 195 pound-feet of torque.

Also, inside the new Tucson has a more refined design than the previous version, topped out in the Limited premium trim level with upgraded trim that includes padded dashboard and door inserts with accent stitching. And every version includes plenty of cubbies for stuffing things, particularly for front passengers.

Touchscreens are fine too, a five-inch version as standard and an eight-inch version in the Limited.



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